



BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE

“Baimbridge College is a child safe school”

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Upcoming

Friday 18th August

Book Week
Art Competition
Entries Close

&

Long Tan
Commemoration
Service

Aug 21 - 25

Book Week

Monday 21st August

School Council

Aug 23 - 25

Music Camp

**Thur 31st August
& Fri 1st September**

Legacy Badge Selling

Wed 6th September

General Assembly

**Friday 15th
September**

Year 7
immunisations

Hot breakfasts are proving to be a winner at the HDSC on Wednesday Mornings. Everyone is welcome.

Principal's Notes

Parent Opinion Survey :

The annual parent opinion survey has now been sent out to all families that our computers selected at random. The big change of course is that the survey is now online and because we do not get a receipt when the survey is completed it is impossible to offer incentives, such as entry into a raffle, to those families who support the collection of this important information. In this format the survey is completely confidential and we have no way of knowing who has completed it let alone what the responses are. I would therefore like to urge families who have received an invitation to participate to complete the survey so that we can gauge 'parent opinion'. Thank you to everyone who contributes their opinion and I look forward to seeing the results later in the year when the Department of Education makes them available to us.

Year 9 and 10 subject selection :

I would like to thank all the parents and students who came along to the information evening last week. I am also pleased that it was clear that everyone felt able to ask all sorts of questions about subjects. In particular, thank you to the parents who helped highlight that the subject list that was distributed was incomplete. We will send information to all Year 9 and 10 families shortly advising that three elective subjects were omitted from the list. They were the Duke of Edinburgh course that ran this year, the certificate II in Applied Language (Italian) and the fast track opportunity into VCE studies – Unit 1 and 2 in Outdoor Education. As mentioned on the night we will make sure that we give plenty of notice before the online selection process begins as well as making school computer facilities available to families who do not have their own internet access.

Welcome Back :

I would like to welcome Hamilton District Skill Centre manager, Tony MacGillivray (Gilly), back to Hamilton after two weeks in the Yiyili community school in the Kimberley in Western Australia. Gilly has been at Yiyili delivering classes on healthy eating and cooking as only he can – and of course, his presence and teaching is always welcomed with enthusiasm by everyone he comes in contact with. It is great to have him back.

School Council :

The next meeting of School Council takes place on Monday 21st August in the HDSC dining room. This month the meeting starts at 6.30pm so that council members can participate in a professional development session on school finances. This should help school council members better understand the financial processes in place at school and therefore better fulfil their responsibilities as School Council members.



BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE

Baimbridge College acknowledges and respects the traditional Gunditjmara custodians of the land.

If you have any concerns please contact:

PRINCIPAL:

Mr Robert Vecchiet

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

EAST CAMPUS:

Miss Rosemary Morgan

WEST CAMPUS:

Mr John Hill

YRS 7 - 9 SUB SCHOOL MANAGER:

MR EWAN MACDONALD

Year 7 Co-ordinator:

Mrs Sam Adams

YEAR 8 CO-ORDINATOR:

Mr Alan Thomas

Year 9 Co-ordinators:

Mr John Sly

Yr 10-12 Sub School Manager

Mrs Rachel Rose

Year 10 Co-ordinator:

Mrs Lisa Guegan-Brown

Year 11 Co-ordinator:

Ms Sharon Herreen

Year 12 Co-ordinator

Ms Peta Taylor

VET / VCAL

CO-ORDINATOR:

Mr Steven de Man

DEVICE CO-ORDINATOR:

Mr Dean Banfield

STUDENT WELLBEING:

Ms Kelly Taylor

INTEGRATION

COORDINATOR:

Mr Roger Lewis

Principal notes (continued)

Values and Vision :

This process continues with students in the next two weeks. Our SRC members heard personally from our facilitator, Mr Garry Schultz, from the Victorian Secondary Principals Association late in term II, and he has kindly recorded that message so that it can be shown at year level assemblies by the SRC representatives. The students will then collect values and vision ideas from their peers that will be included with staff, Koorie family and finally parent feedback so that School Council can make a final determination about the values and vision statement to be included in our School Strategic Plan for the next four years. The video clip being shown to students will be on our website so that interested parents can see and hear for themselves the message that is being given to our student body.

Standing Tall :

I would like to thank Standing Tall co-ordinator Jane Crowe for the fantastic work she does keeping the Standing Tall mentoring program operating smoothly. She is always there linking students with their mentors and making sure the program continues smoothly. While the program is not completely out of the 'financial' woods for 2018 I am pleased that we will be able to continue to pay Jane to run the program and continue to ensure that our students have access to a 'significant adult' in their lives. Thanks Jane - and to anyone who is considering supporting Standing Tall in Hamilton I urge you to make your donations soon so that we have certainty for next year.

Reporting :

During 2017 the Department of Education and Training introduced a revised set of curriculum guidelines called the Victorian Curriculum. Baimbridge College staff have been implementing this curriculum this year and it involves the movement of certain topics from one year to another – in the mathematics area in particular. This has, in some cases, made it appear that student achievement levels have gone backwards. We have had a number of queries about this recently and I would suggest that the most accurate determination of progress will occur when we assess against the Victorian Curriculum for the second time in semester II. There was an article on this subject in The Age recently and I have asked Jill Robinson to make it accessible through our Facebook page so that parents can read it for themselves. Of course if there are questions about reports I urge parents to contact the relevant teachers to get clarification.

Access to Newsletters :

Baimbridge College will produce a newsletter every second week that will be distributed to parents by Compass or via the Baimbridge College website. To ensure you receive your newsletter 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.

Robert Vecchiet

Principal

BREAKFAST CLUB



Wednesday mornings are getting more and more quiet at Baimbridge College, that's because word of mouth has spread that the Free Breakfasts are on in the HDSC. Some students have 2nd breakfast, for some it's the first time they've eaten for the day.

Now the Hospitality students from Mrs G-B's class are in on the gig and, it has to be said, some of the nicest bacon and egg muffins and pancakes are being served.

Students are encouraged to come on over - Mr Hill is in charge of the playlist - and the program. Go and say g'day!



Author Steven Herrick Skypes in

Steven Herrick is a poet who wrote our current Year 9 text - *A Simple Gift*. His style of writing is somewhat new to us. *Simple Gift* is a Verse Novel. A verse novel is written in poetry as opposed to prose.

Some students have given us an account of meeting Steven via skype.

"Our preconceived ideas about the poet Steven Herrick were altered when we met him. Nearly 100 Year 9's gathered, some more excited than others, in the VCE Centre to participate in a Skype session with the poet." **Ben, Regan, Zari, Bailey and Gabbi**

'Steven Herrick entertained us for the entire period. His sense of humour was presented through his poetry. Laughter never ceased while Steven Herrick was reciting each of his poems, some of which were composed on the spot involving students sitting amongst the crowd..... "JACKO!" '

Oscar, Izzy, Luke, Cooper, Bayley and George

"Each of us were absorbed. Distraction was not an issue. Steven Herrick demonstrated the elements of poetry, he shared that repetition is used to create emphasis. He also encouraged us to use real life experiences so that the audience can connect." **Addison, Chelsea, Torie, Georgia and Paris**

Year 9 parents can see an example of Steven's poetry on your Compass Newsfeed over the next two weeks.



WANT TO BE A LIFEGUARD?

Dates for upcoming lifeguard courses are:

- ▲ 18-20 August
- ▲ 13-15 October
- ▲ 3-5 November

Fri 5:30pm-8:30pm | Sat and Sun 9:00am-6:00pm

Courses will be held at Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre and run over 2-5 days. Participants must be available for the full duration.

▲ Requirements:



Current Level 2 First Aid Certificate



16 years of age or older



Current CPR certification



Hamilton Netball Association



Junior Comp

Season TWO 2017

October 14th - December 2nd (8 weeks)

8 Years +

Online VNA & HNA Registration <http://vic.netball.com.au/>
Team sheets must be completed by the 8th September and Emailed

Contact Junior Netball Coordinator Bianca Crawford for your info pack
hnajunior@gmail.com 048 105 1775



Canteen

August 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1st Lisa McIntyre	2nd	3rd Kerry Price	4th Lyn Duncan
7th	8th Colleen Lomas	9th	10th Vicki Thompson	11th Sara Morgan
14th	15th Val Peters	16th	17th Heidilee Freeman	18th
21st Helen Field	22nd	23rd Angela McCreddan	24th	25th
28th Sally Wheeler	29th Kerry Goodman	30th	31st Lyn Battista	Sept 1st Kerry Price

September 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4th Tracey Sartain	5th Genevieve Lambert	6th	7th	8th
11th	12th Lisa McIntyre	13th	14th Vicki Thompson	15th Sara Morgan
18th Helen Field	19th Colleen Lomas	20th	21st Heidilee Freeman	22nd

If you are able to spare some time to help out in the canteen it is always very much appreciated. We understand that most families are very busy, however, when the workload is shared it is always so much easier for everyone.