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NEWSLETTER



2011 student James Kerber was presented with the Vice Chancellor's Principal Scholarship at the University of Adelaide last Friday.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Victorian Minister of Education :

Baimbridge College was visited by the Victorian Minister for Education, the Hon Martin Dixon on Thursday last week. Minister Dixon was accompanied by our local member for Lowan, Minister Hugh Delahunty as well as the DEECD Regional Director, Mr Grant Rau. The Minister was welcomed to Baimbridge College by our School Captains Amy Cumming and Mason Hearn after which we went on a quick tour of the school. As part of that tour we stopped in Miss Morgan's Year 12 English class who were delivering their oral presentation. I would like to thank Andrew Pepper who delivered his oral presentation with Ministers

Dixon and Delahunty as part of his audience as well as our regional director and me. Andrew did an excellent job given the pressure he was under. Our tour ended in the Hamilton District Skills Centre where the Minister spoke to 10A students who were being given their netbook computers by Mrs Dempsey. All in all it was a positive visit and I would like to compliment students and staff for the impression they have given our Minister of education at Baimbridge College.

University of Adelaide Scholarship :

I would like to congratulate 2011 Year 12 student James

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1

MARCH

Thursday 1 Division swimming 10 years & older

Netbook information 1-2pm VCE Centre

Friday 2 World Day of Prayer

Gr 4-6 tennis, Warrnambool

Monday 12 Labour Day public holiday

Tuesday 13 GSSSA cricket

Thursday 15 Baimbridge College aths
BSW swimming carnival

Friday 16 Immunisations year 7 hep B, Varicella, Gardasil; year 10 Boostrix
Regional swimming 10 years & older

Tuesday 20 Investiture

BSW cricket; District aths 9 years & older

Friday 23 GSSSA athletics

Regional tennis Gr 4-6

Tuesday 27 Western Conference cricket

Thursday 29 State swimming

Friday 30 **Reports issued**

End Term 1 2.30 dismissal

TERM 2

Monday 16 School resumes

Wednesday 25 **ANZAC DAY**

Thursday 26 Parent Teacher interviews
4.00 – 6.00; 6.30 – 8.00

Unless otherwise notified:

School Council – 4th Monday of month during term

Kerber, who was presented with a University of Adelaide Scholarship on Friday last week. James was one of a select group of students who was presented his scholarship in a special ceremony by the Vice Chancellor of the University. James began his double degree on Monday this week. He is studying Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in a course that will take five years.

While in Adelaide it was a pleasure to also meet 2009 Music Captain, Michelle Hassold, who is in the third year of a study in Music. The weekend was capped off when 2003 student Grant Shaw approached me while I was in Melbourne. Grant has now completed his Chemical Engineering degree at the University of Melbourne and is working for Mobil Petroleum.

Netbook Computers :

All three of the advertised parent meetings have now been held and netbooks are being distributed to all those students who attended with their parents. I would like to remind parents and students that netbooks will not be distributed to students who have not attended one of the information sessions with their parents. Any parent who was not able to attend, and had not contacted us in advance, but would like their child to have access to a computer should contact me or Mrs Kym Dempsey. We can then make arrangements to provide them with the information that will enable a computer to be given to their son or daughter. It will be invaluable to all students in Year 9 and 10 to have access to these netbooks so that they can take advantage of the increased learning opportunities that they will provide 24 hours every day seven days per week. I urge families to keep the information booklets that were distributed by Mrs Dempsey handy so that they have a quick reference guide to how the program will operate and the rules and guidelines that underpin it.

School Council has begun investigations into how the improved educational opportunities provided by individual devices can be made available to Year 7 and 8 students in 2013.

Bus Travel eligibility :

Most of our community will realise that to be eligible for free travel to school on government buses, a student must be attending their nearest school. If not there will be a charge for travelling on that bus. There has been an element of discretion in the past where certain towns have been considered as 'watersheds'. That is, that if someone lived in the township of Coleraine for example, parents were given the choice of coming to Baimbridge College or Casterton Secondary College without having to pay. Towards the end of 2011 the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has insisted that exact measurements of distances be used to determine the eligibility for government bus travel. This measuring can be done very accurately now with technology such as Google Maps. As a result of this directive Baimbridge College will be implementing the distance eligibility rules 'to the letter of the law' for any students in the district enrolling after census day 2012. That is, any student who enrolls from the 1st of March onwards will need to attend their nearest school or they will have to pay the appropriate fee.

I would like to reassure parents who currently have students attending a school that would be deemed ineligible under this new interpretation of the guidelines, that this ruling will not affect them it only affects new enrolments. Our understanding is also that if you have an older son or daughter enrolled in a school at which the new rules say they would have had to pay, that any brothers or sisters can also attend that school free of charge.

I imagine that there may be some questions about this change and any such questions can be directed to me or our Bus Co-ordinator, Mr David Gilchrist on 55722788. If we are unable to answer we can direct any questions to the appropriate people.

House Swimming Sports :

Our House Swimming Sports were a great success last Wednesday. A huge number of parents came along to support their sons and daughters and I would like to thank them once again for their support. I would also like to

thank Mr Bob Maroney and all our past staff members who volunteered their day to help as officials at the sports. Bradman House was the overall winner and House Captains Veronica Gordon and Jordan Murphy accepted the trophy and thanked their team. The Bradman House girls contributed about 800 points to the winning total and were clearly the difference in the competition. Well done girls. Three students set new records on the day, they were Liam Keatley, Sam McIntosh and Ellie Riddle. Winners from our House Swimming Sports competed in Portland in the GSSSA Swimming Carnival yesterday.

Our Athletics Sports are just around the corner with House meeting held last week to determine competitors in all the events.

Access to Newsletters :

Any parents who are experiencing problems accessing the weekly newsletter from their son or daughter can have alternative access via the Baimbridge College website or by contacting Mrs Heather Armstrong in our front office, 55722788, so that they can be placed on our email distribution list.

I look forward to working with all of our families this year and urge parents and guardians to contact myself, our Assistant Principals Mr Tony Speed and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators if there are any questions or concerns.

Coordinators:

P-4	Mrs Di Dolman
Middle School	Mr Scott
McFadden (Year 5-7)	
Year 8	Mr David Fisher
Year 9	Mrs Chelsea Carter
Year 10	Miss Sheba Gurm
VCE (11 & 12)	Miss Sue Smith
Student Wellbeing	Miss Rhiannon Smith
Co-ordinator	
VET / VCAL	Mr Steven de Man
Co-ordinator	
Year 9/10 Netbook	Mrs Kym Dempsey
Co-ordinator	

**Robert Vecchiet
Principal**

<p style="text-align: center;">CANTEEN ROSTER WEST CAMPUS TERM 1 FEBRUARY 6—MARCH 30</p>					
DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 5— March 9	05 Phyllis Speirs	06 Sally Wheeler	07 HELPER NEEDED	08 HELPER NEEDED	09 HELPER NEEDED
March 12— March 16	12 LABOUR DAY	13 Lea-Anne Warburton	14 Lyn Duncan	15 HELPER NEEDED	16 HELPER NEEDED

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HAMILTON ROWING CLUB TRY OUT ROWING DAY.

This Saturday 3 March come along to the Hamilton Boat Sheds and try rowing from 10 am til 12 noon. Afterwards, for all participants, there will be a free BBQ. There is no cost to you, just your time so go along and see how you like it. For more information please contact Mr Fisher at school.

If you are busy, then come along any Tuesday or Thursday between 4-6 pm. These are our Club training times, so you're welcome to come along then as well. Rowing is a great way to keep fit, meet new people, travel and most of all have fun!

For more information please contact Fenella Campbell on 0408 734 450 or on Facebook. Thanks

**PERSONAL GOODS
BROUGHT TO SCHOOL
AT OWNER'S RISK**

Main Points

- ◆ Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.
- ◆ The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
- ◆ Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Additional Information

- ◆ For information about the Department's insurance arrangements, see the School Policy and Advisory Guide:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/spag/finmanagement/insurance>

**HOT DOG DAY AT LUNCHTIME –
THUR 8TH MARCH.
@ REAR OF HOME ECO CEN-
TRE. PLAIN HOTDOG \$2.50,
HOT DOG WITH CHEESE \$2.70,
TOMATO SAUCE IS FREE. SOFT
DRINK VARIETIES \$1.00**

Fourth Careers Newsletter

All Universities put out a newsletter: apply a search engine to research any Uni you are considering

Australian Catholic University has a newsletter showing:

- New courses for 2013 – Law and Speech Pathology
- Key Dates for 2012
- eConference at ACU
- Overseas opportunities with Education

www.acu.edu.au

The Latitude Australia Newsletter - are a Volunteer abroad GAP year option.

They are on Facebook and Twitter

If you want to know more about this research via the net

They say:

“In this month's newsletter we introduce the new placement and country options we'll have available for your students, we let you know about our volunteers who have already departed for their placements, and we share a video from a returned volunteer highlighting her experiences in Malawi. Maree and Siobhan”

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University of Tasmania

Phone: 1300 363 864

Course.Info@utas.edu.au

Private Bag 52, Hobart TAS 7001

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Monash University

Course or Application enquiries email: future@monash.edu

Phone: 1800 MONASH

If you would like to be added to the email subscription, please email Jemma.Hutchins@utas.edu.au.

MYGolf National Skills Challenge Program

WHERE:	Hamilton Golf Club..... Rippon Road Hamilton Vic 3300.....	WHEN:	Day: Sunday Time: 9.30 – 10.30 Dates: March 4 th , 19 th , 25 th , April 1 st , 15 th and 22 nd
FORMAT:	Individual & Group Skills Coaching Skill Challenges Fun Activities & Games	COST:	\$ 50 includes 6 clinics (only \$17 if already a MYGolf member)
EQUIP- MENT:	Provided *Own equipment can be used	WHAT TO WEAR:	Neat casual Runners or golf shoes
BOOKINGS AND EN- QUIRIES:	Name: Andrew Gill Tel. No: 55 724400 or 0417 612705	HOW TO ENROL:	Fill out the Member Enrolment Form with payment

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Program Details

- The program will be conducted using equipment and activities designed for children with an emphasis on skill development through a mix of coaching, team games and fun.
- The girls and boys will be trialling Junior Members of our club throughout the program with opportunities for them to play on the course. There is no club fee or obligation on children who are ‘trailing’ junior members.
- No golfing experience is needed. All coaching/practice sessions and activities are conducted by qualified coaches with assistance from experienced club volunteers who are required to have Working with Children Checks. Participants in the program are covered by Personal Liability Insurance.



Minister for Education Martin Dixon and Minister Hugh Delahunty with Ben Jenkins of 10A

Junior School News

It's lovely to see all of our Primary students together, at assembly on Monday mornings. We are able to celebrate and recognise all of the great things that are happening in our classrooms and the excellent behaviours and attitudes we are seeing everywhere now.

This Newsletter is to request lots of parent support to make our school a better and more effective learning place, and to thank you for all the great things you are doing.

We are a little concerned that some of our students come to school with **no breakfast**. They are unable to function effectively and the thinking and learning has all but gone by the time they arrive here. This often results in poor behaviours, which not only affect the hungry student, but everyone in the class. No petrol means no Go!

PLEASE, would you take the time in your busy morning to make sure they eat breakfast before they leave the house?

We have the same request for **lunches too**. Lots of our Juniors are arriving with just dry noodles for lunch every day; no fruit, sandwiches or things like carrot sticks, celery, tomatoes which most of them love. Would you please take the time to check the lunch box before they leave, if they pack it themselves?

No toys at school! They are too big now and the toys can be lost or broken, which is neither cost-effective or a happy experience. Keep toys for after school.

READING! READING! READING! If you could take 20 minutes each night to read to your child and to hear them read, that will make a HUGE difference to the improvements we see. Let them read to little brothers and sisters, to their teddies, to Grandma and Grandpa, film them reading and don't hesitate to send it to school so we can show it to everyone!. Let us know if you have thought of any ideas that we can use to make reading even more fun and rewarding.

Sleep? The recommended level of sleep for children this age is 10 to 12 hours a night, for top alertness, growth, health and learning. But, we have quite a few who fall well below these hours just about every night. This makes life pretty tough for them (and everyone) when the sleep deprivation builds up.

All of those 'pleases', now the **Thank-you's**.

Thank you for sending your children along with such **neat and clean uniforms**. They are all looking very proud to wear them, as we are to see them!

Thank you to the Friday Fruit Mums. We couldn't do it without you!

Ms D would like a couple of people who would be interested in hearing her Grades 2/3 students read very briefly each morning and change the books, all before school. If you would like to help, please let Ms D Know.

Junior School Team

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 2 MARCH

As is the custom, Baimbridge College will be represented at the Hamilton secondary schools ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 2nd. This year, Hamilton College will take responsibility for organising the program, which features participation by the students from all schools.

This year we propose to take all SRC representatives to this service which will be at the Uniting Church, Hamilton.

The arrangements are:

9.00am Form Assembly
9.15am Students meet at front of West Campus.
Students walk to the Uniting Church
10.00am Service commences
10.45am Service concludes and students return to school
11.15 – 11.45 Recess. Classes begin

If you have any questions please contact us.

Rosemary Morgan
Assistant Principal



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JUMPING CHAMPION-
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