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NEWSLETTER

Our new Italian Teacher Assistant, Miss Ilaria Daneluz and Baimbridge College Italian teacher Mr Marco Antonelli used this map to point out their home towns in Italy.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Invitation to Parents :

Our School Review begins this week, with our reviewer Ms Keryn McGuinness beginning interviews of staff, students and parents. Ms McGuiness will be at Baimbridge College on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th May and then again on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th before delivering her report to School Council and staff on Friday 18th May. I would like to invite any parents who wish to be part of the interviews to contact me or Miss Rosemary Morgan so that we can pass on their name and make a time for the interview.
Ms McGuiness will be speaking to a variety of student groups as well as staff. Students representing instrumental music, SRC, Year 9 and 10 netbook program, vocational education and those aspiring to go to university are all going to be giving input on the program that they are involved in.
Once the information is collected Ms McGuinness will make recommendations that will form the basis of our goals for the next four years.

NAPLAN :

Students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be undertaking NAPLAN tests in numeracy and literacy in the week beginning Monday 14th May. Staff are currently preparing students by getting

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2—
May

2-4	Year 12 uni. Trip
Friday 4	Year 7 immunisations
7-11	Year 8 Bogong camp
Tuesday 8	Senior football div. 1
Monday 14	Bob Templeton Shield football Year 9 div. 1
15, 16, 17	NAPLAN
Tuesday 22	ICAS test—comp. skills
Wednesday 23	Open Night
Tuesday 29	'Verbal Combat' Brainstorm Productions
Wednesday 30	GSSSA cross country

JUNE

Tuesday 5	ICAS Science test
Wednesday 6	4-6 football
Monday 11	Queen's birthday
Wednesday 13	VCE exams
Thursday 14	VCE GAT
Friday 15	Report writing day—pupil free
Monday 18—Friday 29	Year 10 work experience
	ICAS writing test
Tuesday 19	ICAS spelling test
Wednesday 20	4-6 football
Friday 22	Presentation ball
Friday 29	Term 2 ends 2.30 dismissal

School Council – 4th Monday of month

them used to the style of the tests so that they will be familiar with the way the tests are set out and they can then concentrate on the questions that are being asked. The results of these tests will be available and distributed in about September and they make the basis of the data that is currently being analysed for our School Review. More importantly NAPLAN information along with the results of online testing and teacher judgement make up the information we use as a school to determine each student's level of achievement and any recommendations that will be made about possible courses of study in the future and even promotion to the next year level.
Being well prepared for the tests and 'doing your best' are therefore very important for each student.

Attitude to School Survey :

It is also time for all of our students to complete the annual Attitude to School Survey. These will be completed in the next two weeks as well. These surveys give us an indication of students' views about teaching and learning in the school as well as student well being issues. This information is also being used as part of the School Review process mentioned earlier in the newsletter.

Immunisation :

The second of a course of immunisations for students in Year 7 take place tomorrow. Parents will need to contact Western District Health Service to make individual arrangements if their son or daughter is not able to attend tomorrow morning. Immunisation will take place in the first aide room on the west campus.

School Council :

I would like to welcome two community members on to School Council. Ms Tracey McDonnell and Mr Graeme Scott have accepted an invitation from School Council to become members for the next two years. Mr Graeme Scott has already been a valuable contributor to council over the past two years and we are pleased to have him back. Ms Tracey McDonnell will represent the Standing Tall Mentoring program and will provide valuable information about the program and its impact on Baimbridge College students.

Tree :

The more observant of our community will have noticed that when we returned to school on Monday the large elm tree next to the Hamilton District Skill Centre was missing. For reasons we are not sure of, an enormous split appeared in the tree on Thursday night and it was agreed that some very serious surgery was required to make sure that the tree did not fall on someone. I would like to thank Mr Ray King for acting promptly and taking the tree out on Saturday morning. I would also like to thank the Shire of Southern Grampians for assisting us by providing barriers to keep students and the public away from the tree until it was cut down.

Mobile phones and piercings :

I would like to remind parents that mobile phones are banned at school and that students that have them at school will have them confiscated until the end of term. I am sure that parents are well aware of the reasons for this rule. If a parent or guardian would like to contact their child the last thing we want is for a mobile phone to ring in class. Messages can be delivered to students by simply ringing our switchboard on 55722788. Similarly we have not, and still do not accept visible body piercings apart from a pair of studs or sleepers in the ears. Students who do not follow this rule will be sent home until the piercing is removed. Both of these rules are advertised in our diaries, information pamphlets and website and have been in place for many years.

Reports :

Any parents or students who were unable to collect interim reports at the end of term I can do so from the front office on the east campus during school hours. Having done so, I would like to encourage all parents to take advantage of the parent / teacher interviews next week to find out more about their child's progress.

Access to Newsletters :

Baimbridge College produces a newsletter each week that is distributed to students on Thursdays. Any parents who are experiencing problems accessing the newsletter from their son or daughter can have alternative access via the Baimbridge College website or by contacting Ms Heather Armstrong in our front office, 55722788, so that they can be placed on our email distribution list.

If there are any questions or concerns I urge parents and guardians to contact myself, our Assistant Principals Mr Tony Speed and Miss Rosemary Morgan or the relevant Co-ordinators.

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

Robert Vecchiet
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2—WEST CAMPUS					
DATE	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**
May 7—11	7 **HELPER NEEDED**	8 **HELPER NEEDED**	9 **HELPER NEEDED**	10 **HELPER NEEDED**	11 Bernie Humphries
May 14—18	14 **HELPER NEEDED**	15 **HELPER NEEDED**	16 **HELPER NEEDED**	17 **HELPER NEEDED**	18 Danae Sciascia

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May 14—18	14 Jody Golding	15 **HELPER NEEDED**	16 **HELPER NEEDED**	17 Lesley	18 Glenys Downes

HELPERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED IN CANTEEN—*see above!*
IF ABLE TO ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT ADIE 55722788

School Captain, Mason Hearn, presented a moving ANZAC Day address at the ANZAC Day Ceremony at Melville Oval last week.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We had a wonderful time swimming last week and everyone learned so many great new skills. We were so proud of all of our swimmers.

This week we have had our Cross Country with everyone participating and enjoying the run/walk around their part of the lake. Some laughed and jogged their way around and others enjoyed making it a contest against themselves or others, but everyone enjoyed the event.

Next week our grade 3 students will have heads down, bottoms up with the NAPLAN. There will one exercise each day Monday to Friday. Lots of work is being done to ensure they understand the tasks involved, so we are confident they will enjoy the experience.

We are also having to chase up **notes for absences**, so would you please help us by making sure you either fill in the note at the back of the diary, write in the diary on the returning day or write a separate note. You can also phone the school to notify us.

School skirt for sale: Leanne Dennert has a junior sized school skirt for sale. Please phone Leeanne on 55721276.

It is great to see the improvement in the quality of music coming from our violin classes too. We have some budding performers and potential band members in our Junior School! Keep practising those violins at home! Next Thursday 10th, we will be walking down to the PAC for the MSO performance.

Mrs Dolman

P—4 Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 students are currently making plans for work experience placements during the last two weeks of this term.
To organise themselves they should be asking parents, friends and businesses for two placements of a week each.
Students should make a time to meet with a prospective employer and give them the Work Experience Arrangement Form for them to fill out. There is also a section for the students and parents to fill out.
This document then becomes the legal agreement that covers students for public liability insurance whilst on work experience. A copy is kept at school by Mrs Collins, a copy is given to the work place and a copy can be kept at home.
This Arrangement Form needs to be filled out before a work placement can start.
The Arrangement Form needs to be copied at school so that a copy can be kept on file for 5 years as part of the schools legal obligation.

Year 10 students who haven't organised a work experience placement need to be proactive. Not being able to organise work experience is linked to not being ready to move on to year 11. It is also an indicator to Mr de Man of the VCAL program that students would not be suitable for inclusion. VCAL students need to be active in pursuing a work placement for year 11.

Help is available to students who want a placement and can't find one or who are lacking in ideas. Brent Forsyth from Westvic is available to come to the school at lunchtimes to assist students. Mrs Hogan and I are available nearly every lunchtime through the week. Students need to come to the Careers Room and ask for assistance and they will get it.

If there are any parents working in places that would like to have a work experience student come for a week they are welcome to let me know by dropping a line to me or contacting the switch and leaving a message.

Kerren Collins
Careers

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION— REMINDER

This will take place on Thursday 2 August 2012.
Entry cost is $5 and should be paid to the student's maths teacher by Friday May 4th.

CALCULATORS FOR NAPLAN TESTS

The numeracy (maths) NAPLAN tests for year 7 and 9 students will require EVERY student to have a calculator. Please make sure you have a working calculator by 15 May.
The calculators available from the East Office (Texas Instruments TI-30XB) for $20 are suitable for use in the NAPLAN tests for both year 7 and 9.

Hamilton Olympic Swimming Club

Hamilton Swimming Club is an organisation run by a group of volunteer parents who employ a fully qualified Bronze Swimming coach and assistants to provide competitive swimming training and opportunities to compete at all levels, for children from 6 years upwards.
Swimming training sessions consist of warm ups, stroke technique, fitness training, fun activities and practicing correct competition techniques (such as diving off starting blocks, relay changeovers, finishes etc.)
The club has added extra days to its swimming program. We now run sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at HILAC, and have vacancies in a number of our groups.
If you think your child would like to join the Swim Club or just come and try a swimming session, please contact our coach **Maxine Baring on 0407302744**