



# BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE HAMILTON

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## NEWSLETTER



Tristan Dinning is presented with his winner's certificate by Mr Roger Thompson at the Lions Youth of the Year Quest last week.

### PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

#### *The Wedding Singer :*

This year's Baimbridge College production 'The Wedding Singer' concluded on Saturday night at the Hamilton PAC. The show was a great success with the 'sold out' sign going up for Friday and Saturday's performances. I would like to thank the Hamilton community for supporting the show and I would also like to compliment the cast and crew for the very polished performances that they provided. The annual school production brings together a diverse

group of people from across our school community. I would like to thank all those parents and staff who did so much of the behind the scenes work. Every aspect of the show came together very well and the show itself will remain in the memories of everyone who has been involved.

Now it is time to get back into student mode and make sure that any work that may have been postponed for a while is caught up with.

Congratulations to everyone who worked in or on 'The Wedding Singer'.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### TERM 3

#### SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday 12** RACV Keys Please

11.30 West Gym (all Year 10)

**Thursday 20** Music night 7.00pm

**Friday 21** Term 3 ends

#### OCTOBER

**Monday 8** Term 4 begins

**Friday 12** Gr 4–6 Regional athletics  
Geelong

**Wednesday 24** GSSSA golf/tennis  
Last day Year 12 – assembly

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**Friday 26** Year 12 dinner

**Wednesday 31** Year 7 Information  
night, VCE Centre 7.00pm

#### NOVEMBER

**Thursday 1** SRC casual day  
Year 12 exams begin

**Monday 5** Professional Development – no students at school

**Tuesday 6** Melbourne Cup Day –  
public holiday – no school

**School Council** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month

### ***Year 6 Visit :***

Monday this week was our annual Year 6 visit day. About 120 students visited Baimbridge College and participated in a relatively normal school day. Students sampled from a number of different secondary school subjects and were assisted in their movement around the school by a group of very reliable and capable Baimbridge College Year 7 students. In order to help Hamilton parents with the information they need as their children are moving into secondary school, Mr John Bell videoed parts of the day. This video will be shown to parents and students at a special Transition Information Night being run by the School Focussed Youth Service later this year. Advertisements for the Transition Information Night will be published in local papers and our school newsletter.

### ***AEU Stopwork :***

The Australian Education Union stopwork yesterday had a significant impact on our capacity to run classes and we sent home letters to all students informing parents that we would be unable to cover classes in Year 7 – 10 and Year 4. The decision was made to keep Year 11 and 12 students at school in order to minimise the interruption to their learning and to ensure that they had access to the school facilities and resources on the day. Teachers of Year 3, 5 and 6 classes were available to teach their classes. I trust that the government and the AEU will come to some agreement soon so that we can minimise the disruption to our classes.

### ***Dental Health:***

I was contacted on Monday this week by the dentist working at the Western District Health Service dental clinic. I was asked to let members of our community know that the dental service was available for dental checks and dental work. Dental Health Services Victoria recommends that children have a dental check-up at least once every two years. The dental service is free to any students whose family has a health care card. Once contact is made with the service and appointments scheduled, the

Western District Health Service dental clinic, will retain contact and will make regular appointments for check-ups. I urge any family that qualifies to contact WDHS to take advantage of the dental services they provide. The number is **555 18347**. The clinic is open for appointments between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

### ***Mr Tony Speed :***

Assistant Principal, Mr Tony Speed is currently on Long Service Leave and will be back at work at the beginning of term IV. Anyone wishing to make contact with the school can still do so through the appropriate Year Level Co-ordinator or Assistant Principal Miss Rosemary Morgan or me.

### ***Professional Development Day :***

After having been forced to cancel our professional development day on Sheepvention Monday earlier this year we have decided to reschedule to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. This is the day before Melbourne Cup Day. This means that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November will be a pupil free day that Baimbridge College staff will use for professional development. The next day, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, will be the Melbourne Cup public holiday that our Shire Council has designated and then we will resume normal classes on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

### ***Interim Reports :***

Staff have begun preparing interim reports for all students so that they will be ready for distribution on the last day of this term, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. As usual the school day will conclude at 2.30pm on this day and reports will be distributed to students before they go on their term vacation. This is a very important part of the year when decisions about promotion are being made so I urge parents and students alike to take notice of their report and ensure that they are not at risk of having to repeat a year of study.

### ***Personal Computers :***

School Council is currently working on a proposal to extend the use of individual computers in the school. The current proposal is to introduce an individual laptop for all Year 7

students in 2013. The proposal involves parents leasing a laptop for their son or daughter for Year 7 and Year 8. The introduction of the laptop lease would be part of a plan that would see a reduction in the purchase of text books for these students, with the likely alternative being the introduction of electronic text books loaded on the laptops themselves. As soon as details are finalised, including the preferred model and cost of the lease we will contact the parents of all our new 2013 Year 7 students.

### ***Access to Newsletters :***

Our weekly newsletter is distributed to students on Thursdays. Any parents experiencing problems accessing the newsletter can have alternative access via the Baimbridge College website or contacting our front office, 55722788, to 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**

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**

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 3—WEST CAMPUS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>September 10—14</b>	10	11	12	13	14

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<b>September 17—21</b>	17	18 Tracey Sartain	19	20 Lesley	21

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

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED**

We are currently looking for a volunteer host family for an exchange student recently arrived to Baimbridge College. His name is Florian and he is from Germany. He is currently with a temporary host family and we need to now find a family he can settle in with who would love to share our culture with him and in return learn about his. Florian is in Year 10 and will be at Baimbridge College until June 2013.

If you think you may be interested or would like more information then please call Kim who is an International Exchange Coordinator in Hamilton with the EF Foundation for Foreign Study on 0419375401.

Also we are now looking for Host Families for our 2013 intake of students so please call or email if you would like to know more.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



You will have noticed the extra clothes and books coming home this week, because it's Spring time and time for a Spring clean. We hope you are able to use them. If you find these things are not needed, maybe you could pass them on or donate them, as we have had them sitting around un-named for years.



Next Wednesday will be our Jump-Off Day. We are all very excited because we are all very good at skipping now, so all of period one will be devoted to fun, exercise and fundraising. If you have collected all of your sponsorship money before Wednesday, please send it back to school with the sponsorship form. We are very proud to be able to support The Heart Foundation.



**Junior School Team**



Sarah Wardle and Tristan Dinning at the Youth of the Year Quest last week.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We are currently doing a clean up of our second hand uniform, much of which is either incorrect uniform or in some cases, a little bit shabby to offer for sale. If you think you may have items fitting these descriptions, please come and see us at the East general office.

If we don't see you very soon we will be using our discretion and disposing of some articles.

We also have unclaimed money despite contact being made following sales. If this remains unclaimed at the end of the school year we will be finding a worthwhile cause for it!

Some items of clothing always needed for sale are navy school jumpers (in good condition please) and winter skirts.



## **Palace Martial Arts**

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### **ANTI-BULLYING SEMINAR**

An Anti-Bullying Seminar will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September in Hamilton and on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September in Casterton. It will provide information and skills to participants about bullying, and impart strategies for avoiding and overcoming bullying.

The goal of the Anti-Bullying Seminar is to stimulate change in students' awareness and perception of bullying, and of their roles in bullying incidents. Further, we aim to empower those students who find themselves victims of bullying, by teaching strategies to avoid and deal with bullying incidents.

The Seminar is open to all school-aged children and adolescents. It will be fun and fast-paced, and students will participate in a variety of activities, including group discussions, role playing, and fun martial arts activities that will challenge and encourage students to examine their own, and their peers', behavior, and provide strategies and skills to deal with bullying. The workshop-style sessions will be led by a community health professional, Master Muhktar Kadiri and his leadership team from Palace Martial Arts. The Seminar will also include lessons in practical and effective self-defense for participants.

The Anti-Bullying Seminar is free, but pre-registration is essential. Please call or email to pre-register. There will be a free hand book for the attendees.

**Date:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (Hamilton) and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012(Casterton)

**Time:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Location:** Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Center/Sacred Heart Primary School Sports Hall

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** Palace Martial Arts Tel: 5571-9816 Email: [palace.ma@yahoo.com.au](mailto:palace.ma@yahoo.com.au)

**Website:** <http://hamiltontaekwondo.com.au>

## **Science Experience for students currently in Years 9 and 10**

Wondering what to do in the second week of the School Holidays? An opportunity exists to join students from NSW and Queensland to discover more about our local Volcanos via two day program of on-site field work at Mt Rouse and Mt Eccles Tunnel cave. Sponsorship is available for registration and accommodation.

**Dates:-** Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th October

**Venue :-**Volcanoes Discovery Centre at Peshurst, Victoria - Day 1: Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012

All meals are provided.

### **Program**

8.00 am Leave Coles car park, Hamilton to travel to Peshurst via bus

8.30 – 9.30: Introduction and housekeeping

9.30 – 10.30 Scientific Field Work            Ken G. Grimes

10.30 – 11.00 Morning tea

11.00 – 11.30 Geological Field Observations and Deductions    Ken G Grimes

11.30 – 12.15 Desktop Exercise: Geological maps and stereoscopes

12.15- 1.00 Lunch

1.00 pm – 3.00 pm Field mapping exercise, Mt. Rouse quarry

3.15 - 4.30 pm Geological debrief

Dinner organised by the Hamilton Rotary Groups

Day 2: Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

8.30 am – 9.30 am leave Coles car park Hamilton to travel to Mt. Eccles via Harman Valley lookout.

9.30 - 12.30 Field Exercise: Mt. Eccles Tunnel cave ecology and other features.

12.30 – 1.00 lunch at Lake Surprise look out

1.00 pm Return to Peshurst Volcano Discovery Centre

1.45 – 3.30 An Introduction to Archaeological Field Work and to Stone Artefact Identification and Interpretation. Dr. Sharon Lane

3.30 – 4.15 Ready – Set – Goals and Farewell

For further information and on line enrolment please check the website <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au> and see Mrs Ward for further information and enrolment forms.



# SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 11-18 YEARS OLD

Activities offered are subject to availability, minimum numbers and weather conditions. Printref: 28/06/12

BOOKINGS OPEN WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2012

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 25 September</b> Paintballing Mt Gambier 8.00am - 5.30pm	<b>Wednesday 26 Sept</b> Fishing charter Portland 10.00am - 5.00pm	<b>Thursday 27 September</b> Melbourne Show (age restriction 15-18 years) 8.00am - 9.30pm
	V BBQ lunch provided V 200 paintballs V 4+ games V Boots or runners <b>NO</b> thongs V Extra 100 paint \$22 V Water bottle	What is included V Lunch provided V Fishing equipment supplied What to bring V Rain jacket V Boots or runners <b>NO</b> thongs V Water bottle	V Entry into Show V Lunch provided V Tea provided V Snacks for morning & afternoon tea V spending money for rides V Water bottle

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 2 October</b> Paintballing Mt Gambier 8.00am - 5.30pm	<b>Wednesday 3 October</b> Horse riding Warrnambool 10.00am - 4.00pm	<b>Thursday 4 October</b> Day Spa Warrnambool 9.00 - 5.00pm
	V BBQ lunch provided V 200 paintballs V 4+ games V Boots or runners <b>NO</b> thongs V Extra 100 paint \$22 V Water bottle	What is included V Lunch provided V Beach horse ride What to bring V Boots or runners <b>NO</b> thongs V Water bottle	V Lunch provided V Facial, Pedicure/ Manicure V indoor bathroom V Bathers and towel V Water bottle

## BOOKINGS & PAYMENTS

Make bookings and payments in over the phone or person at Frances Hewett Community Centre, 2 Roberts Street Hamilton. Cash, credit or debit card, cheques accepted. Cheques must be made payable to Western District Health Service. Send cheque or credit/ debit card details with your consent and booking form to Frances Hewett Community Centre PO Box 283 Hamilton 3300. Bookings and payments can **only** be made weekdays between 9am-5pm

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Departure & pick up information**  
All activities leave from Frances Hewett Community Centre, 2 Roberts Street Hamilton. Please ensure your child is there 10 minutes prior to activity departure.

**Behaviour & conduct policy**  
Inappropriate behaviour, including: bullying; harassment; illegal activities e.g. wilful damage of property; use of drugs &/or alcohol will result in immediate exit from the activity. Nominated guardian will be notified to collect child. Personal hygiene is essential.

**Clothing & footwear policy**

Participants must wear appropriate clothing and footwear; no thongs.

**Supervision**

Activities are supervised by WDHS staff, minimum of two staff per activity. Ratio 1:10

**Cancellation policy**

Only cancellations made a minimum of five working days prior to activity will be eligible for a refund.

**Food & drink policy**

Please ensure that children bring food which does not require refrigerating or heating. Under no circumstance are energy drinks to be consumed or purchased. Children are required to bring a drink bottle with water.

Please note: given the location of activity, food options are limited. If your child has specific dietary requirements please make prior arrangements with Coordinator or, alternatively, ensure your child has substantial amount of food for the day.

**Gastroenteritis & Communicable Diseases policy**

Communicable Diseases include: gastro, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, influenza, measles and shingles. Please note if your child has any of the listed communicable diseases they should not attend any activity delivered by WDHS. If your child is identified with a potential communicable disease a parent or guardian will be required to pick your child up from activity location, or alternate arrangements will be made at your cost.

**Sun Smart policy**

Western District Health Service supports the Cancer Council Sun Smart Policy; slip on clothing; slop on sunscreen; slap on a hat; seek shade; slide on some sunglasses.

Children are required to have their own sunscreen and hat

**Holiday program contact telephone numbers**

Program Coordinator: 0407 040 632 Frances Hewett Community Centre: 03 55518450