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NEWSLETTER



The victorious 14 year old girls presented the school with their swimming champion's pennant at the general assembly last week. (l-r: Bec Langley, Abbey Battista, Georgia Gilbert, Alice Keatley)

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Glenelg District Swimming :

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, Baimbridge College students who performed well in our House swimming sports competed in the next level of competition in Portland last Wednesday. Our swimming team performed admirably once again with a number of outstanding individual performances. It was inspiring to see the whole team presented to the school at our general assembly on Thursday last week. I would like to congratulate Liam Keatley who was the 17 year old champion at the sports and Alice Keatley who was the 14 year old champion. These are excellent results at this level of competition, especially with the inclusion of three new schools to the

carnival (Portland Secondary College, Bayview College and Heywood and District Secondary College). Also performing extremely well were Veronica Gordon and Mel Knights who were runners up in their age group championships and Sam McIntosh and Sam Tooley who finished third in their championships. I would like to commend our U14 girls (Alice Keatley, Georgia Gilbert, Abbey Battista and Bec Langley) who won their age group aggregate and kindly presented the college with the winners pennant at the assembly on Thursday.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1

MARCH

Monday 12 Labour Day public holiday
Tuesday 13 GSSSA cricket
Thursday 15 Baimbridge College aths
BSW swimming carnival
Friday 16 Immunisations year 7
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

April

Monday 16 School resumes

Wednesday 25 **ANZAC DAY**

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

May

1 – 3 Year 12 uni. Trip

Friday 4 Year 7 immunisations

7-11 Year 8 Bogong camp

Monday 7 Senior football div. 2

Tuesday 8 Senior football div. 1

Monday 14 Bob Templeton Shield foot-
ball Year 9 div. 1

15, 16, 17 NAPLAN

Thursday 17 Year 9 football div. 2

Tuesday 22 ICAS test – comp. skills

School Council – 4th Monday of month

General Assembly :

We held a whole school general assembly on Thursday morning last week. The assembly provides an opportunity to recognise student achievement in a wide variety of undertakings from sporting to academic. This assembly contained musical performances from Mae Udarbe, Taylah Crumpton. Sarah Bishop and Kiana Taylor, as well as Mikhaela Janicki and Kelly Sarena. We also presented Year 5-8 SRC representatives with their badges as well as our Junior House Captains. Year 10 and 11 students who participated in the Supportive Friends Training and Conflict Resolution training were presented with certificates and badges by Miss Rhiannon Smith. There was information about a possible trip to Cambodia and Vietnam in December as well as a report from students who attended the Year 7 Camp at the beginning of the year. Mrs McArthur presented our successful swimming team to the assembled student body and reminded everyone of the upcoming athletic sports.

Athletic Sports :

The Baimbridge College Athletics Carnival will be held at Pedrina Park on Thursday 15th March. All students from Year 5 – 12 will participate with no formal classes for these year levels on this day. A number of events will be run during lunchtimes in the lead up to the carnival itself.

Compliments :

I would like to pass on two telephone calls that I have had recently. The first came via Mr Gerard Sheehan who had taken our Year 8 students to the Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning as part of their study of the eastern barred bandicoot. Staff at HIRL wanted to pass on their compliments for the behaviour and engagement of our students while they were there. Well done Year 8 you must have represented Baimbridge College well to inspire someone to contact us with such a compliment. Then on Friday I had a telephone call from Daktari Sport in Port Fairy who had just worked with our Outdoor Education students at HILAC teaching them about scuba diving. I was told about the excellent behaviour and attitude of the students.

I was told how impressed the instructors were with how well the student listened and co-operated and took the time to thank their dive instructors. Well done to our Outdoor Education students also on being such excellent ambassadors of Baimbridge College.

Student Insurance :

School Council have asked me to pass on information about student insurance to parents and families. We have received information about 24 hour per day insurance for students and feel that families should have the opportunity to investigate this further. I would like to make clear that School Council is not endorsing this product. School Council is simply making the information available to parents for them to make their own value judgements. Information is available at www.studentcover.com.au

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 in advance but would like their child to have access to a computer should contact me or Mrs Kym Dempsey so that we can make arrangements to provide them with the necessary 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 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(continued)

Wednesday 23	Open Night
Tuesday 29	'Verbal Combat' Brainstorm Productions
Wednesday 30	GSSSA Cross Country; 4-6 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
Monday 18 – Friday 29	Year 10 work experience
Monday 18	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

Access to Newsletters :

Any parents wanting alternative newsletter access can do so via the Baimbridge College website or by contacting Mrs Heather Armstrong in our front office, 55722788 to 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**

CANTEEN ROSTER WEST CAMPUS TERM 1 FEBRUARY 6—MARCH 30					
DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 12— March 16	12 LABOUR DAY	13 Lea-Anne Warburton	14 Lyn Duncan	15 HELPER NEEDED	16 HELPER NEEDED
March 19— 23	19 Jody Golding	20 HELPER NEEDED	21 HELPER NEEDED	22 Fiona Mitchell	23 HELPER NEEDED

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March 12— 16	12 LABOUR DAY	13 Tracey Sartain	14 Jenny Cumming	15 Lesley Sharon	16 Danni Sarena
March 19— 23	19 Glenys Downes	20 Lisa McIntyre	21 Karen Fitzgerald	22 Lesley Sharon	23 HELPER NEEDED

HAMILTON JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS
 Begins on Tuesday 13th March at 6.45pm at the Table Tennis Centre at HILAC and continues every Tuesday night. Boys and girls aged 7 to 15 are welcome and equipment is provided. Playing fee \$3 per night, registration for the year is \$25.00.
 For more information please contact Junior Coach Darryl Lacey on 0400336652.

DEMONS 2012 HOCKEY SEASON
 Anybody interested in playing hockey for Demons contact Jenny Cumming, 55711470 as soon as possible. Please. Leave contact number if no answer.
 Demons are trying to put together an U/16 team as well, so please call.

GLENELG DISTRICT SWIMMING

Our swimmers were fantastic in Portland on Wednesday. We brought home many ribbons, an age group aggregate, two age group champion medals and third place overall.

There was much excitement in each race and all who competed and supported did so with gusto.

Results:

Alice Keatley 14 y.o. champion
Liam Keatley 17 y.o. champion
Runners-up in championship points—
Mel Knights, Veronica Gordon
3rd in championship—Sam McIntosh

The U/14 girls—Alice Keatley, Georgia Gilbert, Abbey Battista, Bec Langley—won their aggregate.

Liam Keatley broke the butterfly record with a time of 29.

First place:

U/15 boys relay—David Langley, Damian Monaghan, Darcy Russell, Elias Sturgess-Myers
Liam Keatley, butterfly, backstroke
Veronica Gordon, 50m freestyle
Alice Keatley, breaststroke

Second place:

Alice Keatley—butterfly
David Langley—50m freestyle
Liam Keatley—50m freestyle
Sam McIntosh—backstroke, breaststroke
Tamara Roberts—breaststroke
14 y.o. girls relay—Abbey Battista, Alice Keatley, Georgia Gilbert, Bec Langley

Third place:

16 y.o. boys freestyle relay—Eric Guthrie, Alex McIntyre, Sam McIntosh
16 y.o. girls relay—Sophie Gilbert, Jess Milligan, Ellie Riddle, Bec Van Kalken
17 y.o. girls relay—Carly McArthur, Tamara Roberts, Crystal Sturgess-Myers, Zoe Van Kalken
13 y.o. girls relay—Ruby Hill, Lauren Dennert, Jenna Loats, Danielle Van Kalken

Alice Keatley—100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, backstroke, individual medley 200m

Liam Keatley—100m freestyle, breaststroke, 200m individual medley

Mel Knights—butterfly, backstroke

Danielle Van Kalken—freestyle

Zoe Van Kalken—50m freestyle

Ruby Hill—backstroke

Sam Tooley—backstroke, breaststroke

Caleb Alexander—backstroke

Veronica Gordon—backstroke

Elias Sturgess-Myers—breaststroke

Briarni Cooper—breaststroke

Special thanks goes to Louise Hill, Elizabeth Sturgess-Myers, Leanne Gordon, Leanne Gordon who were time-keepers for us, Bob Maroney, our referee and all the parents, grandparents and friends who supported our team on the day. The team appreciate your efforts. A totally enjoyable day and the best of luck to those who move onto the next stage.

Jayne Cogger, Jen McArthur

Sport Coordinators

On Friday 24th February year 8A went to the H.I.R.L bandicoot enclosure to learn about the Eastern Barred Bandicoot. The enclosure is run by volunteers who care for the bandicoots. Unfortunately, Bandicoots are nocturnal marsupials so we couldn't see any live ones, though there were some stuffed ones that had been killed by cars. We learned a lot of new information about the bandicoots from Mr Marcollo, our volunteer tour-guide, and overall it was a very enjoyable excursion. By Georgia Gilbert, Chloe Smith and Charley Bunting.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Over the past 12 months there has been significant media exposure given to situations where children have been severely injured at school yet have not been covered by insurance. Add to this the accidents that occur outside school hours.

The financial pressures that parents and guardians may have to endure following these accidents can themselves be crippling.

StudentCover was developed to give parents and guardians a helping hand when they need it the most.

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just \$29.00.

Unfortunately parents are too often surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they are at school or at play.

StudentCover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world*. The cover applies whether they are at school at the time of the accident or not, and includes almost every sport*. (**some conditions apply*)

Some of the features include:

- Compensation of \$500,000 for major injuries such as paraplegia and quadriplegia;
- Compensation for other major injuries such as loss of sight or loss of use of a limb and death;
- Reimbursement for emergency transport including the cost of ambulance;
- Compensation for common injuries included such as broken bones, fractures, dislocations or loss of teeth;
- Fee relief following the death of a parent or guardian; and
- Help with student tutoring expenses as a result of total disablement, to ensure a child's education suffers the least possible disruption.

How to apply

StudentCover is only available online – making it quick and easy to protect your child or children. Payment can be made by credit card at the time of application, or by BPay once you receive your invoice.

To apply online simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW.

With a new school year now upon us, we trust you will see the value in taking up this offer and in doing so enjoy just a little more peace of mind when protecting your children.

Kind regards



Jeff Adams
Managing Director

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Baimbridge College Tour of Vietnam and Cambodia; Dec 2012.

Current year 11 students Kane Mitchell, Kim Saligari and Viannah Ferguson have been meeting with Mrs Ward over the past few months to organise a chance for students from this school to tour Vietnam and Cambodia in the first two weeks of December this year.



In our discussions we decided that we wanted a tour that introduced us to the way people of these two countries live, as well as their history, we also wanted to have a community service aspect to the trip. Kim has produced the following summary to give you an idea of some of the activities that we will do on this trip.

- ◆ We are spending approximately six days in Vietnam where we will explore the underground tunnels that were used by the Viet Cong Guerrillas as hiding spots during combat, and visit the site of the battle of Long Tan, its memorials and the cemeteries that are located there. We will spend a bit of time in Ho Chi Minh City where we are going to visit places such as, Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House, Town Hall and the Reunification Palace.
- ◆ We then travel to Cambodia via boat along the Mekong River to Phnom Penh. Here we will visit the Russian Markets as well as being confronted by the reminders of Cambodia's tragic history with visits to Toul Sleng Prison and the Killing Fields. Next we visit the village of Kampong Thom, where we will be introduced to the village life with a mixture of activities such as a boat ride with a local fisherman, a visit to a home, traditional dancing, and possibly to opportunity to climb palm trees.
- ◆ We then travel inland to Siem Reap where we head to the Green Gecko Project. This project benefits street kids by giving the kids skills, education, care and support to enable them to break the begging cycle and attain their highest potential. At Green Gecko, we will try our hand at teaching these children and learning what it is like in their culture and why they grow up the way that they have.
- ◆ Potentially the most exciting part of the trip is a two day visit to Angkor Wat Temples where we will explore the temples and look at Cambodia's ancient history. We may even have the opportunity to ride an elephant through the south gate of this complex.

We are holding an information session for students to hear more about this exciting opportunity.

When Wednesday 14th March at 1.15

Where East AV room.

Who Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 (Please note. Year 9's will be able to go only if spaces are not filled up by students in higher years.)

At this meeting students will be given a letter to take home and if enough interest is shown we will hold a parent meeting shortly afterwards. If you have any questions about this exciting opportunity please contact Mrs Ward, Kane, Viannah, and Kim.