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NEWSLETTER

Year 11 students Francesca Bianco, Henry Walker and James Barber use theodolites to put their maths lessons into practice last week.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Pierre de Coubertin Award :

Congratulations to Bianca Ferguson and Veronica Gordon of Year 12 who were both invited to The Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre this past weekend to be part of the Pierre de Coubertin Academy. This was a real compliment to the two girls for their efforts in the sporting field while at Baimbridge College. Bianca was presented with the Pierre de Coubertin Award for Baimbridge College and both girls got to meet a number of ex Olympians like Linley Frame at the award ceremony. Their invitation to be part of the academy is recognition of their skills, endeavours, achievements and leadership in sport at Baimbridge College. I would like to thank Mrs Jacinta Ferguson for taking the girls to the function on Saturday night. I would also like to pass on her comments on the girls' presentation in Baimbridge College uniform – it seems that it is unanimous that our students stand out wherever they go thanks to our very smart school uniform.

School Review :

School Council has been considering the School Review document provided at the beginning of this term. Of particular note were the positive comments about the Year 5 – 8 Middle School model that operates at Baimbridge College. The reviewer was full of

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3
SEPTEMBER
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
Thursday 18 Year 9 & 10 Super 8's cricket, Pedrina Park
Wednesday 24 GSSSA golf/tennis
Last day Year 12—assembly p.4
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
Wednesday 14 Years 7 & 8 Super 8's cricket, Pedrina Park

School Council – 4th Monday of month

compliments for the numeracy and literacy achievement levels of students in the Middle School. She even made the connection between the improved NAPLAN results of last year's Year 9 students with the beginning of the Middle School three years before. Also mentioned in glowing terms was the team of mathematics teachers who have introduced the 'Scaffolding in the Middle Years' mathematics teaching and the data that clearly shows the improved achievement levels of students since they have begun teaching using this program. Given the evidence and the comments of the reviewer we can be very proud of the work that has been done over the last few years by teachers of students in Year 5 – 8.

Mathematics :

As mentioned above a dedicated group of Baimbridge College teachers have been working hard in their own time and on weekends developing the Scaffolding Numeracy in the Middle Years program. Thanks to their work we have been able to demonstrate real improvement in student learning in Maths in Year 5 - 8. Equally it is a pleasure to see students using their mathematics skills in practical situations and using equipment provided by parents clubs in recent years. I had the good fortune to be in Mr Dempsey's Year 11 Maths Methods class on Monday and was enormously impressed with the class, their application to the task and their understanding of the topic that Mr Dempsey was covering. I have always suggested to students and parents that they should retain their study of mathematics for as long as they can because it keeps lots of career opportunities open while the students are deciding what career they would like to pursue.

Bell Shakespeare Drama :

Congratulations to Year 12 student Rachel Pitt-Lancaster who was runner up in the Bell Shakespeare Foxtel, Stage for Life drama award. **Stage for Life** is designed to provide young people interested in pursuing a career in the arts with a broad introduction to all aspects of theatre production and management. Congratulations to Rachel on the recognition this award provides.

Dental Health:

I was contacted on Monday this week by the dentist working at the Western District Health Service dental clinic asking to let members of our community know that the dental service was available for dental checks and work. Dental Health Services Victoria recommends that children have a dental check-up at least once every two years. This 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.

Interim Reports :

Staff have now completed interim reports for all students so that they will be ready for distribution on the last day of this term, Friday 21st September. 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.

Last Day of term :

Friday 21st September is the last day of term III. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm and they will have been given their interim reports to bring home with them. Term IV will begin on Monday 8th October.

Professional Development Day :

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

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.

Absent :

Mr Tony Speed will be back from leave at the beginning of term IV and I will be absent for the first three weeks of term IV. During my absence Miss Rosemary Morgan will be Acting Principal.

Access to Newsletters :

Any parents experiencing problems accessing the newsletter can 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

DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 17—21	17	18	19	20	21
ROSTER TERM 4					
OCTOBER 8—12	08	09 Lyn Duncan	10 Kerry Goodman	11 Julie Breban	12 Lyndel Delahoy

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DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 17—21	17	18 Tracey Sartain	19	20 Lesley	21
ROSTER TERM 4					
OCTOBER 8—12	08 Jody Golding	09 Robyn Richardson (am)	10 Jenny Cumming	11 Lesley	12 Glenys Downes

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.

Careers News- September 2012

Year 12 students searching for courses to apply for in the VTAC online site your first port of call should be the foyer of the VCE centre. All the latest course guides are located there for you to browse through. Latest information to be located in the VCE centre are:
Central Queensland University-CQU- Course guides, scholarship process, Educational Access Scheme etc. www.cqu.edu.au/schools Phone: 132786

Admission information from Universities Admission Centre for Universities other than Victoria. This information will be located with Ms Taylor, whose office is next to the foyer of the VCE centre.

Flinders University is flagging careers as a Health Professional. They also have new degrees including: Psychological Science, Mathematical Sciences, Arts- High Achievers Program, Engineering(Electrical), Clean Technology, Engineering Technology and Forensic and Analytical Science(new Forensic Biology stream)

Melbourne University is advertising a program aimed at year 11 students to study a subject at their University while in year 12 that not only aides ATAR score but is credited to University studies as well. Melbourne Uni also has a scholarship program available to applicants interested.

Monash University is advertising its scholarship program to potential applicants.

All of these options are available for reference online- use your fantastic research skills.
Or
Read hard copies in the Foyer of the VCE Centre.
Or
See one of the amazing senior teachers: Mrs Smith, Mr de Man and Ms Taylor: before the holidays.

Mrs Collins will be on leave until the end of term 3- any VTAC queries please see Ms Taylor.

All VTAC applications have to be online- Done and Dusted- before the second week of the holidays.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Winner of the one night accommodation—Nancy Snooker
Winner of Webber BBQ and accessories—Jake Mayne
Winner of dinner for two at Darriwill Farm and haircut from Affair with Hair -the Hutchins family
Winner of car seat covers and sundry items—Tammy & Craig Crawford

We would like to say a big thank you to the following businesses that contributed to our raffle:

3HA
Permewans Hamilton
Darriwill Farm
Affair with Hair
Hunts Auto Pro

We would also like to thank the many students and teachers who came and supported us. All the money raised will be going to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

The total amount raised was $1094.50

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Bobby Cunningham's
School holiday
Basketball Skills Sessions
at the Port Fairy basketball stadium on
WEDNESDAY 3rd Oct 2012
6-11year olds 9am-12pm
12-16year olds 1pm-4pm
ONLY $20 each
Bookings are <u>essential</u> as limited places available!
To book please call Jane; 0408514382 or
Email; janegrimshaw@bigpond.com

HAMILTON LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Invites you to our Registration Day to be held on September 16th 2012 @ McDonalds Hamilton, from 1pm till 4pm.
Cost is $80 per child, second and any subsequent child $75.
There will be available for purchase a HLAC t-shirt at a cost of $10 each, this will be worn on each competition night.
If you have any inquiries please contact:
Bec Coates (President) 55708337
0409011206
Leonie Margie (Secretary) 0427675713

KIDS @ HAMILTON VITALITY FUN RUN
SUNDAY 11TH OF NOVEMBER 2012 @ LAKE HAMILTON
4.2 K KIDS ENTRY OPTION @ 9AM

EMAIL MARDI: MGILL@STHGRAMPIANS.VIC.GOV.AU
OR VISIT WWW.HAMILTONFUNRUN.COM

Bianca Ferguson and Veronica Gordon with Mr Hugh Delahunty at the Pierre de Coubertin Awards ceremony.

SKATE PARK DESIGN SESSION

Southern Grampians SHIRE COUNCIL

What:

Do YOU want to help design the new Hamilton Skate Park?

When:

10 October 2012, 4.30-630pm

Where:

Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

More Info Contact:

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