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NEWSLETTER

Year 12 student Emma Mayne and VCAL Co-ordinator Mr Steven de Man, after Emma received her VCAL Achievement Award from Education Minister Martin Dixon at Federation Square in Melbourne last week.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

VCAL Achievement Award :

Year 12 student Emma Mayne, was presented with her VCAL Achievement Award by the Education Minister, Hon Martin Dixon last week. The presentation took place at BMW Edge in Federation Square Melbourne on Thursday. Emma was selected out of approximately 21,000 students studying VCAL in Victoria. Emma's award was recognition for her work in Year 11 in the VCAL program. She was one of a relatively small group of individual students who were selected to be presented by the Minister for Education. Emma received a certificate and trophy from the Minister. On hand to share the occasion with Emma were VCAL Co-ordinator Mr Steven de Man, Emma's aunt and grandmother. Congratulations to Emma on a wonderful achievement.

WheelTalk Program :

As part of Year 9s study of a novel about someone who becomes a paraplegic in an accident, English teacher Mrs Marissa Vincent organised a visit by the WheelTalk School Awareness Program. The visit to Baimbridge College took place on Wednesday last week and involved all Year 9 students and their teachers and included a game of wheel chair basketball for all students. Mrs Vincent has included a report later in the

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2—
MAY
15, 16, 17 NAPLAN
Tuesday 22 ICAS test—comp. skills
Wednesday 23 Open Night 7.00—8.30
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

newsletter. This was a great initiative and really brought the issues from the novel into perspective for the students involved.

Airservices Australia Scholarship :

Congratulations to Tristan Dinning of Year 11 who was recently awarded a scholarship to further his training to learn to fly an aircraft. The 'Giving Young Flyers Training Support' scholarship will help further Tristan's training and may well be the first steps into a very rewarding career.

Blazers :

The work of the 2011 Baimbridge College SRC has finally born fruit. The initiative from the SRC to have blazers included as an option for student uniform was accepted by School Council last year. It was a pleasure to see many students wearing their new blazers last week when the weather turned cool. The students look very smart indeed and I am sure they will be warmer during some of our cooler months this year. Congratulations to SRC and the student body for the manner in which they went about putting their request to Council. Thanks also go to Miss Rosemary Morgan who liaised with suppliers to make the introduction of the blazers a reality.

Presentation Ball :

Sunday evening was the beginning of the dance lessons for this year's Presentation Ball couples. Under the instruction of Mrs Helen and Mr Mark Baker, and the supervision of Mrs Sue Smith, practice began at 4.30pm and finished at 6.00pm. At the same time parents were meeting in the VCE Centre to put together the arrangements for the night of the ball on Friday 22nd June. These practice sessions will continue on Sunday evenings until the ball itself in June. I would like to thank the parents who are working on the decorations and general organisation for their support. Without them the ball would simply not take place. We look forward to another wonderful night on the 22nd June.

Bogong Trip :
Last week 25 Year 8 students from Baimbridge College went to the Bogong School Camp in the Victorian Alps with students from Brauer College in Warrnambool. Providing supervision and support were Mr David Fisher, our Year 8 Co-ordinator and P.E and Sport teacher Mrs Jen MacArthur. This camp has always been an outstanding venue for team building and challenging each individual's abilities and extending their notions of what they can achieve. This year was no exception with positive reports from students and staff about their time at Bogong.

NAPLAN :

Students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 have now completed their NAPLAN tests for 2012. Results will be sent to students and their parents in about September. We trust that everyone did their best and that the tests are a true reflection of ability and achievement levels. Objective tests such as these form a strong basis for establishing at what point each student is in their learning and what they must do next to continue to grow academically. I would like to thank Mrs Bernadette Cook for playing a major role in the organisation and administration of the NAPLAN testing at Baimbridge College again this year.

Attitude to School Survey :

These were completed last week and have now been sent off to Melbourne. The results of the surveys will be made available to us early in 2013.

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 can have alternative access via the Baimbridge College website or by contacting 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 21—25	21 **HELPER NEEDED**	22 Lyn Duncan	23 Kerry Goodman	24 Julie Breban	25 Helen Edmondson
May 28—June 1	28 Jody Golding	29 Sally Wheeler	30 Lea-Anne Warburton	31 Rosemary Rowland (am)	June 01 Danae Sciascia

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May 28—June 1	28 Vici Kearney	29 Tracey Sartain	30 Jenny Cumming	31 Lesley	June 01 HELPER NEEDED

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

Careers Newsletter

There is an elite sporting program aimed at year 11 & 12 students where students complete their schooling in Melbourne while following intensive sport training. This system is supported by Netball Vic, Basketball Vic, Cricket Vic, Tennis, Swim Vic, Yachting Vic and Life Saving Australia. For more information www.youtube.com/SportsEdu

Do you love maths and design? Do you love the ocean and want to travel? Do you love solving problems? Then a career as a maritime engineer could be the opportunity of a life time. Australian Maritime College part of the University of Tasmania www.amc.edu.au Some information available in the Careers Room.

I have several information leaflets for parents of students looking at study options with South West TAFE. Available on request from the Careers Room.

Did you know that South West TAFE was the number 1 Victorian training provider of 2011.

Monash University Undergraduate Course Guide 2013 has hit my desk. I have two copies. More information- as always- www.monash.edu

Swinburne Course Guides now in Careers Room www.swinburne.edu.au

19th August – Open Day- Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran www.swinburne.edu.au/openday

THINK:EDUCATION-GROUP

A group of colleges in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Gold Coast have combined marketing to look for students to take up studies in: Natural Therapies, Beauty, Business and Communication, Design and Hospitality. www.think.edu.au

The ADF- Australian Defence Force is visiting the school on 8th of June from 10:30 in the VCE centre. The presentation is for an hour and students are then expected to go to P3.Students from other schools may be attending. Students from year 9 upwards are welcome to sign up for the event in the Careers Room. If any parents are interested in attending please feel free to contact me and book a space. Ms Kerren Collins, Careers, 55722788.

PAULS COLLECT-A-CAP

A box for collection of caps/ for the above are located on the shelf outside the West office.

Running into a solid tree stump at 140km per hour on a 500cc motorbike is bound to leave you feeling a bit sore…

Our presenter Jason from the School Awareness Program,Wheel Talk did just that twelve years ago. He had broken vertebrae, smashed wrists, a shattered elbow, punctured lungs, stomach lacerations, internal bleeding and injuries and had severed his femoral artery. Not bleeding to death was just the first of many very daunting hurdles that Jason had to cope with over the next two years on the road to recovery.

The accident left him a paraplegic and many of us would not have pulled through physically or emotionally, but Jason is beating the odds every day. An overwhelmingly positive, can do, have a go attitude has seen him change a serious negative into an exciting world of positive possibilities. Jason visited our school on Wednesday morning last week to share his shocking but inspiring story with the year nines and prove that once and for all that attitude is everything.

After we heard about his personal journey he was itching to show us one of his real passions, wheel chair basketball. The students formed multiple teams and took to modified wheel chairs to have a red hot go. Student's enthusiasm was contagious and ten minute games were never long enough. Mastering wheelchair basketball was a challenge but our fantastic year nines didn't hold back. Feedback from participants consistently commented on how physical it was, "it really exhausted your arms" and" Jason made it look so easy!"

We were very lucky to have Jason spend time with us and his experiences gave real meaning to the novel "Wheels" being studied in English, where coping with changes in our lives is painfully and honestly confronted. Jason's determinationand positive attitude was echoed throughout the novel and the year nines were inspired by his real life struggle, and we were uplifted by his enthusiasm for life.

Mel Knights and Adam Handreck thanked Jason on behalf of all the year nines for his valuable time and a number of students independently volunteered to unload and load his trailer of equipment. Supervising teachers were very impressed by our student's participation, engagement and welcome that they gave Jason on the day.

Well done to all.

Adam Handreck and Mel Knights of Year 9 presented Jason with a certificate to thank him for helping them understand what it was like to be in a wheel chair.

Year 9 students playing wheel chair basketball last Wednesday.

The Science Experience is a fun three-days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students in 2012.

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The program takes place in over thirty-seven universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 53,000 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.

One aspect of the programs often commented on by participants is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from different schools. Each program includes a BBQ or other social activity.
Any Year 9 and 10 student is welcome to attend any one of the programs, and the cost is subsidised by our local Rotary Clubs.
For more information see Mrs Ward or visit http://www.scienceexperience.com.au

National Youth Science Forum 2013

Science turns you on? Are you in year 11? Get on the right wavelength at the 2013 National Youth Science Forum.
Now in Canberra and Perth, the National Youth Science Forum is the only program in Australia that offers students currently in Year 11 the chance to test-drive a wide range of universities and careers in the sciences.
Applications are now open at http://www.nysf.edu.au and close on **Thursday 31st May 2012**)
The NYSF program consists of a mix of scientific, formal, personal development, and social activities. These range from laboratory visits to sports evenings and from a bush dance to group dynamics.
The program is run by students from the previous year's NYSF, who have been planning and improving the forum over the course of the previous year. These are the NYSF staff and will either have just finished year 12, or first year university.
Speakers at various forums, debates, seminars and other activities come from outside the science forum, or have been students many years ago.
During the NYSF the students stay at Burgmann College in Canberra and Currie Hall in Perth. ANU hosts the students at the two Canberra Forums and in Perth Curtin and UWA jointly host the program.
A series of seminars are run during the second week of the forum. The local Rotary clubs also subsidises this exciting opportunity, see Mrs Ward or Rohan Brown for more details

OPEN NIGHT

Baimbridge College, Hamilton

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 7.00-8.30pm

We invite all members of the Hamilton and District Communities to attend our annual Open Night on Wednesday, May 23.
The Principal will welcome all visitors in the West Gymnasium at 7pm.
Information is available on all Teaching Programs and Courses, including:

- The Junior School P-4
- Middle School 5-8
- Transition kinder to prep, years 6-7
- Literacy/Numeracy (all levels)
- Music
- Years 7-10
- VCE, VET, VCAL

For general enquiries contact reception; for enrolments contact the Principal,
Mr Robert Vecchiet telephone 5572 2788

ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CAMBODIA/VIETNAM TRIP

Would you please bring one or two items with the theme chocolate to contribute to a raffle. Money raised from this will go towards charities when we are overseas on our Cambodia/Vietnam trip.

YEAR 12 VCAL SHAVE FOR A CURE

A huge thank you to the Hamilton Cinema for their donations and also Affair with Hair for your donations.

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped us raise the money for a great cause.

Altogether we raised $411.45 all thanks to your help.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

School Uniform
We have had quite a few of our students coming to school in non-uniform clothing, as you are aware. This was very evident on our excursion to the PAC last week, when there were only two students wearing full uniform, which does include black leather shoes! Our staff were embarrassed by the lack of respect shown to our school and the lack of regard for school regulations and uniform. Sadly, this lack of respect was reflected in the behaviours of our Junior students on the day. You now all have our uniform policy in case you were not aware of the requirements. If your child does not wear full school uniform next excursion, then they will not be included. Well done to the parents who do make sure that your children always wear correct uniform.

Our Trip to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
Some thoughts from Grade 4

On Thursday morning, we all went to the PAC. We walked there. We got there first and we got the first row. There were many different instruments; there were drums, bells, French Horns, flutes, trumpets, clarinets and bassoons, double basses, cellos, violins and violas. I enjoyed the Harry Potter theme song. It was good!
Ben Price

The grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 walked down to the PAC. They played Jaws and it was really cool.My favourite was Harry Potter, because I watch it on TV. That's why I liked the MSO. I liked the drums best and I liked the first piece of music.
Kieson Knape

You are all probably wondering how we got to the PAC? Well, we walked the long way. We got there first and we got the front row. The people that were playing different instruments were tuning them and they were wearing different colours. The instruments were so cool. The best instrument was the drums and I enjoyed the music.
Alex Richardson

While we were waiting, they were practising. Ben the conductor came out and told about the instruments. It went for forty-five minutes. My best instrument was the drums because it was loud. I enjoyed it. It made me feel good!
Cody Ledger

I liked the Jaws song and it was so cool because it sounded scary. I was a bit scared because it was deep. It sounded like a shark was coming. The blue people played the violins and the red people played the trumpet. The green people played the flute and the yellow people played the drums. I enjoyed the performance.
Claudia Kenny

NAPLAN
Our grade 3 students have been enjoying the NAPLAN assessment tasks this week and we will see the results in a couple of months, when they are sent back to us.

Slippers

If you would like to send slippers to school for inside during Winter, please do that. The children will be responsible for keeping them in their lockers, ready to wear.

Junior School Team