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NEWSLETTER

Student Representative Council 2012

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

In a very busy term, this week may well rank as the fullest with Reports being processed edited and signed, VCE Units 2 & 4 commencing, the Presentation Ball dominating the Year 11's thoughts and actions all week. Add to that the Year 10's heading off on Work Experience, Year 9's preparing for next week's trip to Tasmania (or participating in the Careers based alternate program) and the Preps—Year 8's finalising work, handing back exams and evaluating the teaching & learning practices used throughout the first semester.

Reports

With our Principal still recovering from ankle surgery, it is my turn to write the newsletter this week and my first request is for parents who have any concerns about their children's progress as identified in the reports, to ring and make an appointment for you and your child with the relevant Level Co-ordinator or Assistant Principal. Please ensure that your children have brought their report home on the last Friday of term—I am constantly amazed to find uncollected reports a term later. Reports are being more commonly requested by employers and should be saved in a Folio along with any other individual achievements, certificates or qualifications your son/daughter manages throughout their school year.

Camps & Trips

Just a brief reminder to parents that any students heading off on a camp or overnight excursion need to have returned signed permission forms, up to date medical information with contact phone numbers and have

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2
JUNE
Monday 18—Friday 29 Year 10 work experience
ICAS writing test
Tuesday 19 ICAS spelling test
Wednesday 20 General assembly
4-6 football
Thursday 21 Casual dress day
Friday 22 Presentation ball
Monday 25—29 Year 9 Tasmania trip
Year 9 Alternative program
Friday 29 Term 2 ends 2.30 dismissal
Reports Released at 2.20pm

TERM 3
JULY
Monday 16 Term 3 commences
Wednesday 25 4—6 football
Thursday 26 Girls football
Friday 27 GD Field & Game shoot
Tuesday 31 English competition
AUGUST
Friday 3 Year 6 Transition day
Monday 6 District PD—Student free day
Tuesday 14 ICAS maths competition
Jnr boys football
Friday 17 Yr 7 immunisation
Ski trip departs
Monday 27 School production full day rehearsal
Tuesday 28 School production matinee
Wednesday 29—Friday 31 School production 'The Wedding Singer'

School Council – 4th Monday of month

paid for the trip prior to attending. Families unable to pay beforehand need to come into the school and organise to pay off the trip—this involves signing an agreement for how much and how often you pay. These things are critical for both the success of the trip but also their continued availability to the students.

General Assembly: The final General Assembly for this term took place yesterday morning. Student Leaders Maddie Riddle and Kate McCann chaired the assembly, which included senior students' drama performances, recognition of recent individual, group and team achievements in music and sport, reports from the SRC, Bogong Trip, Cambodia-Vietnam trip and news about the forthcoming Year Nine Alternative Program which will take place during the week of the Tasmania Trip. Students also presented reports on the Polish Program, a day-long confidence-building program teaching social skills and the forthcoming production *The Wedding Singer*.

SRC: Members met yesterday morning to discuss projects to be funded by the SRC. These include the purchase of basketballs for yard games, aluminium tables for the West Covered Way. The SRC are also doing some further fundraising next term with a Casual Day (Dress in Yellow) for Daffodil Day to aid cancer research and Jeans for Genes to support genetic research.

The Baimbridge College Website: We are very pleased to see the progress Mrs Jill Robinson is making on the new Baimbridge College official website. Mrs Robinson is preparing the website specifically from a parent point of view, so it will include staff names and the contact details of Level Coordinators Orientation Day information, the school calendar, newsletters, sports results, school news and excursion forms. In short, the website will be a 'one-stop shop' for all school-related information. If you as parents think of any other useful information you would like to see included, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Robinson at the school.

The Recent Stopwork

Parents interested in reading the minister's letter relating to last week's stopwork can do so on

https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/newsevents/schoolbull/Pages/S224-2012.aspx

Have a great week

Cheers

Tony Speed
Assistant Principal

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

Vietnam Cambodia Trip

The students are currently engaged in fundraising activities to raise money to offset the costs of travel and to help the medical outreach centre, an orphanage and a school with funding. Currently a raffle is running with a large chocolate filled basket as the prize and this money will go to offset travel costs. It will be drawn next week and notice will be placed in the newsletter of the winner. If you wish to buy tickets in the raffle you can send some money with your student and get the tickets from Mrs Collins or Mrs Ward in the East staffroom. If parents, friends and students wish to donate money to the medical outreach centre, or the orphanage or the school they can donate directly to the school. Money can be handed into the East Office and it will be paid into a separate fund for the purpose it is intended.

JUNIOR HOOPS BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Expression of Interest

For children born in 2005 & 2006

Learn the basics of basketball & have fun at the same time!

If interested, please email your child's name, DOB & contact details to kirarose19@hotmail.com by Tuesday 28th June.

NB: there will be a cost associated, and the program will not run without adequate numbers

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2—WEST CAMPUS					
DATE	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**
June 25—29	25	26	27	28 Julie Breban	29 Helen Edmondson
TERM 3—WEST CAMPUS					
July 16—20	16 Jody Golding	17 Lyn Duncan	18 Kerry Goodman	19 Julie Breban	20 Lyndel Delahoy

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2—EAST CAMPUS					
DATE	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**
June 25—29	25	26 Lyn Battista	27	28 Lesley	29 Jo Bennetts
TERM 3—EAST CAMPUS					
July 16—20	16 Vicki Kearney	17 Robyn Richardson (am)	18 Jenny Cumming	19 Lesley	20 Glenys Downes

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

CAREERS NEWS

Work Experience:
For the next two weeks year 10 students are out and about on work experience. The year level has been proactive in organise placements in a wide variety of jobs ranging from Music Teacher to Film Production, Iluka Mining to Land Management, Health Sector to Child Care and Building to Hospitality. The largest group of students from the year level have been placed in various forms of child care and support with local Primary, Secondary and the Special Schools ,the two large childcare centres and most of the district Kindergartens taking on work experience.
Teachers at the school are encouraged to visit students in the work place in place of classes not running at school and those students too far away will be telephoned to check that all is well. Students are travelling as far away as Castlemaine, Torquay, Rye, Collingwood, Toorak, Warrnambool, Portland, Killarney, Geelong, Docklands, Melton and Melbourne. They are cashing in on the principal of "Access Your Ally" when it comes to finding job placements. We have all heard the saying: "It's not what you know but who you know". This applies to getting an interesting job and trying out situations that may not be possible if you didn't actually know someone with the contacts.
Over the next two weeks contact with students by visiting or phone call will happen and I look forward to hearing of and seeing the photos of all these work experiences.
Kerren Collins, Careers

WEP Student Exchange - Special Holiday Info Sessions

There is no better time to plan your student exchange program than during your school holidays! Choose from over 20 countries around the world and experience life as an overseas teenager for a summer, semester or even a year.

To help you and your family make this important decision, WEP has scheduled **12 additional information sessions** during the school holidays.

For dates, times and directions, visit **wep.org.au** or call **1300 884 733**.

From Our Students

"My host family was waiting for me at the airport with big smiles and open arms. All that worrying for nothing! They are the sweetest people and I feel very lucky to be staying with them"

~ Chelsea, semester program to Italy

World Education Program (WEP) Australia

WEP is an independent, not-for-profit Australian student exchange organisation registered with the education departments in QLD, NSW and VIC.

Students accepted by WEP Australia generally act as producers, rather than consumers, of their own education. Our programs ready students for a lifetime of successful learning in a diverse and rapidly changing society.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Junior News 21st June
This is our penultimate week of term two and what a great term we have had. We seem to have the healthiest bunch of students in the whole school. There have been hardly any sniffles, coughs or general 'bugs' (so far) so great work on providing such a great environment for your children.
Some school thoughts from Grades 1/2/3;

Big Chef, Little Chef was the best time of my life. We had a year ten buddy each and they helped us to cook potato hash browns. We sat in the sunshine and ate them. I am HAPPY at Baimbridge because it is the best school ever…
Georgina Hunter

I came to this school not long ago. Since I came, I have been learning **Taekwondo** every week. Muhktar picked me up to the sky. I love to be learning **violin** with Mr Chen. I take my violin home to practise every day. I read every day.
Alannah Barby

I came to this school two years ago and it is better than I thought. I like this school better than all the other ones I went to. I've got a bestest friend. The teachers are nice. On **Sports Day** we all got ribbons and we were all **HAPPY**!
Justin Bray

After School Activities is what I look forward to every week. I get free food that gives me energy. We have fun activities like hockey, basketball, running and Tiggy.
We had a **swimming** program at HILAC. We were diving, swimming, paddling and having FUN! Have you noticed that this piece of writing has **commas** in lists? I have been learning how to do that!
Zac Haeusler
Junior School Team

Polished and Prepared

By Julian Floyd O'Neill

On the 13th of June, the very first Polish program in Hamilton for Baimbridge College was organised by the Beacon Foundation. On the 14th, just yesterday, a second Polish program was hosted. A select few were chosen for this opportunity, and although I know some that passed on the opportunity, I pounced at it with both claws. And as it turns out, my participation has paid off.

Hang on; what is this Polish program, anyway? For those of you who were not invited to the program, here is the basic gist of it. Polish was all about building up you employability and social skills and thus "polishing" your act, hence the name (no, this program has no relation to the country Poland). The two hosts, Georgie and the other guy, ran us through a variety of activities, including non-verbal teamwork, interviewing "celebrities", and even practicing conversational skills over the free lunch we received. All participants were selected at random (as far as I know), and a total of 10 students attended the second day of the program.

In my own personal opinion, the Polish program was great. Aside from the free serving of roast lamb and veg that I received, the day was thoroughly enjoyable. The activities were well set out, and everyone got involved, including those of us who were more shy than the rest of the group. A few cleverly set out interviews took place, and many of the students overcame nerves, learnt new social skills and discovered more about both their peers and themselves. Hopefully, there are more opportunities such as this in the future, and maybe more will be selected for educational courses like this one.

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$35 PER ACTIVITY

holiday program

BOOKINGS OPEN FRIDAY 8 JUNE

wdhs Western District Health Service

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 11-18 YEARS OLD

Activities offered are subject to availability, minimum numbers and weather conditions. Printed: 03/06/12

Sunday 1 July	Monday 9 July	Tuesday 10 July	Wednesday 11 July	Thursday 12 July
St Kilda v North Melbourne	**Disney On Ice Let's Celebrate!**	**Fishing charter Portland**	**Paintballing Mt Gambier**	**Horse riding Warrnambool**
11.00 am – 12.00 am	9.30am – 9pm	10.00am – 5.00pm	8am – 5.30pm	10.00am – 5.00pp

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What is included				
√ Level one seating √ Lunch provided √ Tea provided	√ Premium seats √ Lunch provided √ Tea provided	√ Lunch provided √ Fishing equipment supplied	√ BBQ lunch provided √ 200 paintballs incl √ 4+ games of paintball	√ Lunch provided √ Beach horse ride
What to bring				
√ Snacks for morning & afternoon tea √ Water bottle √ Warm clothing	√Snacks for morning & afternoon tea √ Water bottle	√ Wet weather clothing √ Boots or runners NO thongs √ Water bottle	√ Boots or runners NO thongs √ Extra 100 paint $22 √ Water bottle	√ Boots or runners NO thongs √ Water bottle

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR BOOKINGS CALL 5551 8450 OR CHECK OUT www.wdhs.net or email: fhcc@wdhs.net

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Payments – the following options are now available:
Make bookings and payments in 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 or debit card details with your consent and booking form to Frances Hewett Community Centre PO Box 283 Hamilton VIC 3300

Departure and 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 and 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 and footwear policy:
Participants must wear appropriate clothing on activities. Please ensure children wear appropriate footwear; no thongs.

Supervision:
Activities are fully supervised by qualified staff. Minimum of two staff members 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 and 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 holiday activity food options are limited. If your child has specific dietary requirements please make prior arrangements with Program Coordinator or alternatively ensure your child has substantial a amount of food for the day.

Gastroenteritis and 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 5551 8450