



# BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE HAMILTON

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## NEWSLETTER



Year 11 students put their Conflict Resolution skills into practise in small groups last Friday (l-r) : Shaun McErvale, Jake Hetherington and Brock James.

### PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

#### *Netbook Computers :*

The first two of the three netbook computer information sessions have been held for students and their parents in Year 9 and 10. Both of these were held in our West Gymnasium on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The last meeting for any parents who could not attend this week will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March in the VCE Centre on the east campus from 1 – 2pm. 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. This is an exciting initiative and requires us to all have a uniform understanding of how it will operate.

Staff are preparing for students to bring these devices to class and are undertaking professional development to maximise the benefit that they can bring. Mrs Kym Dempsey will oversee this program and Mr Barry Lawrence is the technician assigned to look after the computers should there be any problems. 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.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### TERM 1

#### FEBRUARY

**Wednesday 29** GSSSA swimming  
Year 9 Camp Information meeting

#### MARCH

**Thursday 1** Division swimming 10  
years & older

Netbook information 1-2pm VCE Centre

**Friday 9** World Day of Prayer  
Gr 4-6 tennis, Warrnambool

**Monday 12** Labour Day public holiday

**Tuesday 13** GSSSA cricket

**Thursday 15** Baimbridge College aths  
BSW swimming carnival

**Friday 16** Immunisations year 7 hep  
B, Varicella, Gardasil; year 10 Boostrix  
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

**Monday 16** School resumes

**Wednesday 25** **ANZAC DAY**

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

Unless otherwise notified:  
**School Council** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month  
during term

### ***Student Well-Being programs :***

Supportive Friends and Conflict Revolution training have become an integral part of the Baimbridge College student well-being program. Last week on Thursday and Friday students from Year 10 and 11 respectively volunteered to be part of this training. The training is run by the "Stride Foundation" in Melbourne and empowers students to assist their peers in a wide variety of situations. The courses provide students with skills in mediation, communication and conflict resolution. I have no doubt that this year's Student Well-Being Co-ordinator, Miss Rhiannon Smith, will be pleased to have some skilled assistants amongst the student body. I would like to compliment the students who have taken advantage of the opportunity to take part in this excellent training.

### ***Bus Travel eligibility :***

Most of our community will realise that to be eligible for free travel to school on government buses, a student must be attending their nearest school. If not there will be a charge for travelling on that bus. There has been an element of discretion in the past where certain towns have been considered as 'watersheds'. That is, that if someone lived in the township of Coleraine for example, parents were given the choice of coming to Baimbridge College or Casterton Secondary College without having to pay. Towards the end of 2011 the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has insisted that exact measurements of distances be used to determine the eligibility for government bus travel. This measuring can be done very accurately now with technology such as Google Maps. As a result of this directive Baimbridge College will be implementing the distance eligibility rules 'to the letter of the law' for any students in the district enrolling after census day 2012. That is, any student who enrolls from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March onwards will need to attend their nearest school or they will have to pay the appropriate fee. I would like to reassure parents who currently have students attending a school that would be deemed

ineligible under this new interpretation of the guidelines, that this ruling will not affect them it only affects new enrolments. Our understanding is also that if you have an older son or daughter enrolled in a school at which the new rules say they would have had to pay, that any brothers or sisters can also attend that school free of charge.

I imagine that there may be some questions about this change and any such questions can be directed to me or our Bus Co-ordinator, Mr David Gilchrist on 55722788. If we are unable to answer we can direct any questions to the appropriate people.

### ***House Swimming Sports :***

Our House Swimming Sports were held at Hughan Park yesterday, and I can report that we had an excellent day of competition with large numbers of students taking advantage of the chance to swim for their house. I would like to thank all the parents who attended for supporting our school and their children – it was great to have you there. Details of the results will be included in next week's newsletter. Winners from our House Swimming Sports will progress to the GSSSA Swimming Carnival.

This year our competition has expanded with the inclusion of Portland schools and the GSSSA Swimming will take place in Portland on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February.

### ***Piercing and phones :***

I would like to remind parents and students that Baimbridge College has very clear guidelines about uniform including body piercing. We also do not allow mobile phones at school. An information letter is distributed to parents with enrolment forms about these matters. If any family has misplaced this information sheet, it can be accessed from the Baimbridge College website at [www.baimbridge.co.vic.edu.au](http://www.baimbridge.co.vic.edu.au) and then clicking on the 'Parent Information' link.

I urge all parents to familiarise themselves with our guidelines to avoid any uncomfortable conversations in the future.

### ***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 from their son or daughter can have alternative access via the Baimbridge College website or by contacting Ms Heather Armstrong in our front office, 55722788, so that they can be placed on our email distribution list.

### ***School Council :***

The first meeting of the Baimbridge College School Council takes place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the dining room in the Home Economics Centre.

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.

P-4 Co-ordinator	Mrs Di Dolman
Middle School	Mr Scott
McFadden	
Co-ordinator (Year 5-7)	
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
(Year 11 and 12)	
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***

**EDUCATION  
MAINTENANCE  
ALLOWANCE  
2012**

**CONVEYANCE  
ALLOWANCE  
2012**

**Reminder: Applications must be submitted to school by Monday 28 February. No late applications can be accepted.**

To be eligible, students must live in regional and rural Victoria and live more than 4.8km from their nearest appropriate government or non-government school.

Claims **must** be submitted by 28th February 2012.

Applicants must hold a valid concession card, such as a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran Affairs Gold Card or be a temporary foster parent.

Forms are available at the General Office.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**WEST CAMPUS**

**TERM 1 FEBRUARY 6—MARCH 30**

DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>February 27—March 2</b>	27 Danae Sciascia	28 Gill Hiscock	29 Lyn Duncan	Mar 01 HELPER NEEDED	02 Bernie Humphries
<b>March 5— March 9</b>	05 Phyllis Speirs	06 Sally Wheeler	07 HELPER NEEDED	08 HELPER NEEDED	09 HELPER NEEDED

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## BLAZERS 2012

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 2 MARCH

Following the School Council's approval of the inclusion of a blazer as an **optional addition** to the uniform for students in **Years 9, 10, 11 and 12**, we are pleased to inform you that the official suppliers will be Accurate Clothing, of 124 Gray Street Hamilton.

A second fitting for blazers will take place on **Friday 24 February** at 9.00am in the Visitors' Room, A Block, East Campus.

Blazers will cost **\$210 in total** (same price all sizes).

A **deposit of \$140**, payable to Accurate Clothing, will be due on the day of fitting. A receipt will be given. The balance will be due on collection.

Alternatively, students may be fitted at the Gray Street store on Saturday morning, 25 February.

The next order will be taken around June, depending on demand.

If you have any queries, please contact Stacey or Sussie at Accurate Clothing on 5572 1375 or me at the school on 5572 2788.

*Rosemary Morgan*  
*Assistant Principal*

As is the custom, Baimbridge College will be represented at the Hamilton secondary schools ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 2nd. This year, Hamilton College will take responsibility for organising the program, which features participation by the students from all schools.

This year we propose to take all SRC representatives to this service which will be at the Uniting Church, Hamilton.

The arrangements are:

9.00am	Form Assembly
9.15am	Students meet at front of West Campus.
	Students walk to the Uniting Church
10.00am	Service commences
10.45am	Service concludes and students return to school
11.15 – 11.45	Recess. Classes begin

If you have any questions please contact us.

*Rosemary Morgan*  
*Assistant Principal*

## YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 Camp Parent Information night  
Wednesday 29th February 6.30pm  
VCE Centre, East Campus

*Mrs Chelsea Carter*  
*Year 9 Coordinator*

# Third Careers Newsletter

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A position is vacant for an apprenticeship in Engineering – mechanical. It is a Hamilton position with trade school based at Portland. Any interested students need to contact Mrs.Collins, Mr De Mann or Guy Seviar at Westvic Workforce ASAP.

Clickview has many and varied options in career choices. If you are in year 11 or 12 and still looking at options access Clickview- search- Careers – and scroll through the options choosing topics that may interest you e.g., Career Pathways in Retail, Emerging Occupations, Careers with a Conscience, Exploring Your Career Options – are some of the choices. If you can't access Clickview then come up to the Careers Room and negotiate with Mrs Collins for a look at the program.

University of New South Wales- UNSW- has sent their latest course guides(8) on all undergraduate courses including Australian Defence Forces Academy, scholarships etc. [www.unsw.edu.au/guides](http://www.unsw.edu.au/guides)

Barista Course. After several enquiries from year 12 students about a course in coffee making, Tony McGillivray, from the Skill Centre, is going to let me know all the options in the town. Stay posted.

Study Youth Work @ RMIT- Do you have a passion for working with young people and making a positive impact?

Study Options include: Cert IV in Youth Work, Diploma of Youth Work, Bachelor of Science (Youth Work) Want to know more? Visit [www.rmit.edu.au/youthwork](http://www.rmit.edu.au/youthwork)

The Australian Government has launched a new App for your phone called the Young Worker Toolkit. It gives access to any difficult issue you may have at work such as: getting started, different types of employment, pay and conditions, workplace safety, bullying and harassment, the fair dismissal code, and where to go for help at [www.youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au](http://www.youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au)

Are you thinking civil engineering as a possible career? Wannon Water has offered scholarships for the last two years to University students. Check it out at [www.wannonwater.com.au](http://www.wannonwater.com.au)

Tax File Numbers- Forms are available from the brochure rack on the ledge at the East Office. Fill out and return to the Careers Room. I will be posting applications weekly. Mrs Collins

Visits to the Careers Room are welcomed and discussions on Career objectives are encouraged. I am working at adding in a kettle, mugs and access to coffee, milo and tea.

The Careers Room – Not a coffee shop but a chat shop.



Computer technician Mr Barry Lawrence has been preparing the netbooks ready for distribution to our Year 9 and 10 students.



## Careers

### Beef Expo

Year 10 students were invited to attend Beef Expo with other schools on the second day of Hamilton Beef Expo. This opportunity was advertised in the school daily bulletin and three students, Lachie Manders, Riley McEachern and Tyson Hogan took up the offer. Students were introduced to a variety of Career options and treated to a Middle Eastern flavoured lunch. They met a cattle yards manufacturer, an Artificial Inseminator ( see photos), a rural journalist, a research scientist, a stock agent, two rural life promoters and a farm supplies business owner. The aim of the school event was to show the wide range of Career Options in the country other than owning or leasing land and farming it.

The same event will be offered next year and students looking for ideas in Careers relating to country life would be encouraged to take up the opportunity.

Kerren Collins

Careers