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NEWSLETTER

2013 School Captains, Sarah Wardle and Tristan Dinning lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day memorial service last Sunday morning.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4
NOVEMBER
Friday 16 Year 11 exams begin
Wednesday 21 GD triathlon; Year 11 exams conclude
Friday 23 VCE second hand book sale Study day Year 11
Monday 26 Years 6-10 exams begin
DECEMBER
Friday 7 Years 7—10 second hand book sale
Tuesday 11 Orientation day
Wednesday 12 End of year program
Wednesday 19 Awards night, PAC
Thursday 20 Last day for students. Reports issued. 3.30pm dismissal.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Remembrance day :

I would like to thank Sarah Wardle, Tristan Dinning, Kim Saligari, Kane Mitchell, Cameron Delahoy and Cohen Ahearn for representing Baimbridge College at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Melville Oval last Sunday. As always Miss Rosemary Morgan arranged the details of our attendance. Sarah and Tristan performed their first duties as Baimbridge College School Captains by laying a wreath on behalf of the Baimbridge College community. On the Thursday and Friday of the previous week our students sold poppies in the CBD to raise funds to support the families of those impacted by the loss of family members in war.

Baimbridge Art Gallery :

I had the pleasure of attending the re-opening of the Art Gallery on the east campus on Thursday evening. The launch of the display area titled "Un Nuovo Inizio" (a new beginning) was attended by a very appreciative crowd who thoroughly enjoyed the student work on display as well as the hors d'oeu vres provided by our talented art students. The opening was carried out by Mrs Sue McGinnity from the Hamilton Art Gallery. The initiative came from VCE

Studio Art teacher Mr Steven Constantine, proudly supported by his students three of whom, Kim Saligari, Francesca Bianco and Ashleigh Overmars, made the introductory speech at the official opening. I would like to thank the parents, friends and staff who attended the opening and contributed to the success of the evening.

Mrs Chelsea Carter :

This week is the last week of school for Mrs Chelsea Carter before she goes on family leave. I would like to wish Mrs Carter all the best for the coming year and provide the best wishes of everyone at Baimbridge College. Mrs Carter's role as Year Level Co-ordinator of Year 9 will be taken over by Miss Rosemary Morgan for the remainder of 2012. The role of Year Level Co-ordinator for 2013 is currently open and we will soon be able to announce the name of the person who will be acting in place of Mrs Carter for next year.

Year 7 Netbooks :

Netbook computers for the 2013 Year 7 students were ordered today. Booklists have been adjusted so that ebooks will be purchased instead of paper text books for these students. A meeting of 2013 Year 7 parents will be held before the end of the year to explain the lease arrangements that will be put in place. While the details have not yet been finalised, effectively what will happen is the netbooks will be leased to students for a period of two years with the option to payout and purchase the computer after two years. In order to avoid excess expenditure for parents the cost of the book list has been reduced by moving to ebooks for a number of subjects. This will be an excellent initiative and brings us one step closer to having a computer for each individual in the school.

School Fees :

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the school fees that School Council approves each year as part of its budgeting process. While it is clearly in the government's interest to insist that these fees are voluntary, the truth is that they make up an essential part of the income we rely on each year to make Baimbridge College function. They go directly into resources for students in the classroom. Reminder accounts have now been sent out at least five times during 2012. Unfortunately we have had the lowest payment of fees on record this year. This has adversely impacted what we can afford to put in place for students. Parents concerned about the size of the contribution requested can contact other schools in Hamilton and will find that we are the lowest in town.
I urge parents and guardians to pay their school fees (voluntary levies) if they can afford to, since it is our school and our students that will benefit from the resources they provide.

Conveyance Allowance Policy :

The state government has released a new policy governing the distribution of conveyance allowance to parents of bus travellers. The policy will be placed on our website for parents to read. The release of the policy made it onto the news in Melbourne last week as a result of the movement of boundaries that separated rural from urban regions. While we are still going through the policy to determine how it will affect our community, I urge parents who have concerns about the changes to contact their local member of parliament because Baimbridge College has had no input into any changes that have been made.

Baimbridge College Website

(www.baimbridge-co.vic.edu.au):
I would like to remind parents that Baimbridge College has a new website thanks to the work of Mrs Jill Robinson. I encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the website as it contains a more comprehensive list of school information that it has in the past. I would like to thank Mrs Robinson for the excellent job she has done constructing and maintaining the new site.

Growing Boys into Men :

This opportunity for members of our community to listen to prominent speaker, Celia Lashlie, takes place on Wednesday 21st November. The presentation will be taking place at the Hamilton and Alexandra College. Further information is available from Mrs Kym Dempsey or Hamilton College itself.

School Canteens:

The East Canteen will close for the year on Friday 16 November.
The West Canteen will remain open for all students to access.

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 4—WEST CAMPUS					
DATE	**MON-DAY**	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**
November 19—23	19 Jody Golding	20 Lyn Duncan	21 Kerry Goodman	22 Julie Breban	23 Lyndel Delahoy
November 26-30	26 Phyllis Speirs	27 Sally Wheeler	28 Lea-Anne Warburton	29	30 Bernie Humphries

On Wednesday 7th November a small group of students attended a Big Band Workshop at Brauer College in Warrnambool with Mr Rizzo. Conducted by the Generations In Jazz Academy Big Band, students were entertained with a concert, observed open rehearsal and had the opportunity to participate by sitting in with the band on a chart. It was a rare opportunity to watch Graeme Lyall work his magic with talented young jazz musicians.

Community Invitation

GROWING BOYS TO MEN – UNDERSTANDING THE MALE JOURNEY TO MANHOOD

AN ESSENTIAL PRESENTATION FOR ALL PARENTS OF BOYS.

Wednesday 21st November 4.00 pm (professional development session)
Wednesday 21st November 7.30 pm (general Public)

Western District Health Service in partnership with Male Health Victoria is pleased to present the "Growing Boys to Men –Understanding the male journey to manhood" tour. Celia Lashlie, a renowned international presenter, researcher and author of ***He'll Be OK – Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men*** will be delivering a free public session on understanding your son, his behaviour, attitudes and needs throughout adolescence. Celia has worked in the area of social justice, detention centres and education facilities studying the unique attributes of our younger males.

Celia's' entertaining and enlightening view of young men and their journey to manhood is a must for any parent who strives to raise good young men in todays society. Her continued work in the prison systems highlights that all children have the potential to end up in prison and by being aware of the warning signs and parenting processes needed to avoid this outcome we can guide our boys through this most amazing and dangerous lifecycles and produce great men.

A free session will be held at The Hamilton and Alexandra College Auditorium on Wednesday the 21st of November commencing at 7.30pm. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

Registrations are essential and should be booked through the Frances Hewett Community Centre on 55518450

A professional development session will be held on the 21st of November at The Hamilton and Alexandra College for any professionals who work with adolescent boys at 4.00pm.

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Please contact Stu Willder (Men's Health Educator) for any further information 0408393347

GRAPHICAL CAS CALCULATORS

Students going in to Year 10 Advanced Maths, Year 11 General Maths, Year 12 Further Maths or Year 11 or 12 Mathematical Methods must have a Texas Instruments TI-nspire CAS calculator.
Students can buy one second hand—students not continuing with maths may be pleased to sell theirs on, or buy one new.
Baimbridge College, through Haines Educational, are offering the TI-nspire CX CAS calculator for $185.
Order forms are available from Mrs Clark, Mr Dempsey or the General Office.
Orders must be finalised by November 30th.
For more information contact Mrs Jenny Clark

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS EXPO 2012

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER

PARADE FROM 10.30am

EXPO IN PAC
9.30—3.30

Lots of new and exciting traders this year including many local traders

Pre purchase ride wrist-bands from St Mary's Primary School.

Ashleigh Overmars, Kim Saligari, Francesca Bianco, Mrs Sue McGinnity and Mr Steven Constantine at 'Un Nuovo Inizio'- the re-opening of the art gallery.

Schoolies: Advice to parents

It's that time of year again, when year 12 school leavers head off to various locations for the annual 'schoolies' celebrations.

For young people who participate in schoolies, it is an important time in their life and acknowledges the end of their schooling and a rite of passage into adulthood.

If you are a parent it may be a worrying time, especially if it is the first time your child will be without direct adult supervision for an extended period.

The Australian Drug Foundation suggests you can help your teenager enjoy schoolies while reducing the risk of problems with a 3-tier strategy:

1. Be informed
2. Be the model
3. Be the voice

Be informed

To help your teenager enjoy the celebrations and reduce the risk of trouble, you need to know where your children are staying, who they are going with, and their plans for activities. It can also help to speak to their friends and find out their plans.

Access to alcohol is a given for young people at schoolies events, but research has found that alcohol can interfere with the development of the brain (which continues until the mid-20s). Practical advice for those attending is to drink as little as possible, never get drunk, and encourage their friends to do the same.

It's essential for young people to understand alcohol laws. In most states and territories anyone who supplies a minor with alcohol is breaking the law unless they are the child's parent or guardian, or have their approval, and act in a responsible manner.

Read a fact sheet about supplying alcohol to minors.

Be the model

How you behave and handle situations is a powerful guide for your children. An important strategy is to plan to handle adverse events: ask your children to come up with Plan B and Plan C in the event of a problem. Teenagers will suggest they can call for help on a mobile phone, but what if they lose the phone, or the battery is low? What can they do if someone is hassling them to have a drink, take a ride in a car, or leave their friends?

Be the voice

Research indicates young people drink less when they know their parents prefer them not drinking. If possible, chat to the parents of your teenager's friends, and try to agree on common expectations. A united front by all parents is useful.

Above all, make sure your teenager knows they can contact you at any time if things go wrong.

Schoolies week is a time of release and celebration for graduating Year 12 students in Australia. It can be a liberating but also a risky time, particularly in the context of exposure to alcohol and other drugs. Preparation and planning by students and their families can help them enjoy it rather than regret it.

Geoff Munro

Head of Policy
Australian Drug Foundation