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NEWSLETTER

Jamie Jackson and Sophie Gilbert of 10B have been accepted into the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4
NOVEMBER
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

Kwong Lee Dow Scholars :

The successful applicants for the prestigious Kwong Lee Dow Scholars Program at the University of Melbourne were released this week. I am delighted to be able to congratulate Sophie Gilbert and Jamie Jackson of Year 10 on their selection to be part of the program. The Kwong Lee Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program for high achieving students and is much sought after. Jamie and Sophie will be invited to Melbourne University to be part of programs designed to enhance their chances of success even further than we would have expected from their own natural talents. Well done girls.

Music Captains :

The student leader picture for 2013 is now complete with the election of our Music Captain for next year. I would like to congratulate Penny Bell who will head up our music students next year. Penny is a capable representative of our music program and will be a very recognisable leader in 2013.

School Council :

The next and last School Council meeting for 2012 takes place on Monday 26th

November. This will take place at 7.30pm in the Hamilton District Skills Centre and will include consideration of the school budget for 2013.

Year 7 Ultrabooks :

Ultrabook computers for the 2013 Year 7 students have now been delivered. The program will be called the MYdevice program (Middle Years). 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. The proposed leasing arrangement for the computers has evolved since last week. In an effort to reduce costs and retain the use of the computer for longer the lease period has been extended to three 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 concept will continue next year with incoming students into Year 7 having a similar program put in place. 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 main impact of changes to the conveyance allowance policy for students in rural areas seems to be the means test. I urge all parents of students travelling on school buses to familiarise themselves with the changes by referring to the documents on our website. Any concerns should be directed to our local member of parliament Minister Hugh Delahunty.

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.

Drug and Alcohol for Parents :

With the end of the school year upon us schoolies celebrations and events like the Dunkeld Cup are taking place. I would like to draw parent attention to our website that now has information about drugs and alcohol available to assist parents with keeping their children safe. It is clear that attitudes of young people to drugs and alcohol need to change if the interview in Saturday's Spectator is any guide. Information is the best way to do this so we have included this section on the website under the Student Welfare link.

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 26-30	26 Phyllis Speirs	27 Sally Wheeler	28 Lea-Anne Warburton	29	30 Bernie Humphries
December 3—7	03	04 Gill Hiscock	05	06	07

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

SCHOLARSHIPS:

There are many scholarships available for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary students. These are outlined by visiting www.education.vic.gov.au/scholarships or calling Andrea Constantine, Education Partnerships on 9837 3367.
For information on Wannik Scholarships, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/wannik/default.htm
For information and resources on education partnerships, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/partnerships

SECOND HAND BOOK SALES

VCE (Years 11 and 12)
EC1, East Campus
Friday 23 November
8.45—11.00

YEARS 7—10
EC1, East Campus
Friday 7 December
9.00—11.00

Any one wanting to sell books, please ensure they are on 2013 booklist, attach an envelope to each item with your name, contact number and price required and leave at east general office prior to sale date if possible.

Following the day of sale it would be advisable to check with office to see if your items have been sold and collect any monies due to you.
Each year we have uncollected money despite courtesy reminder calls!

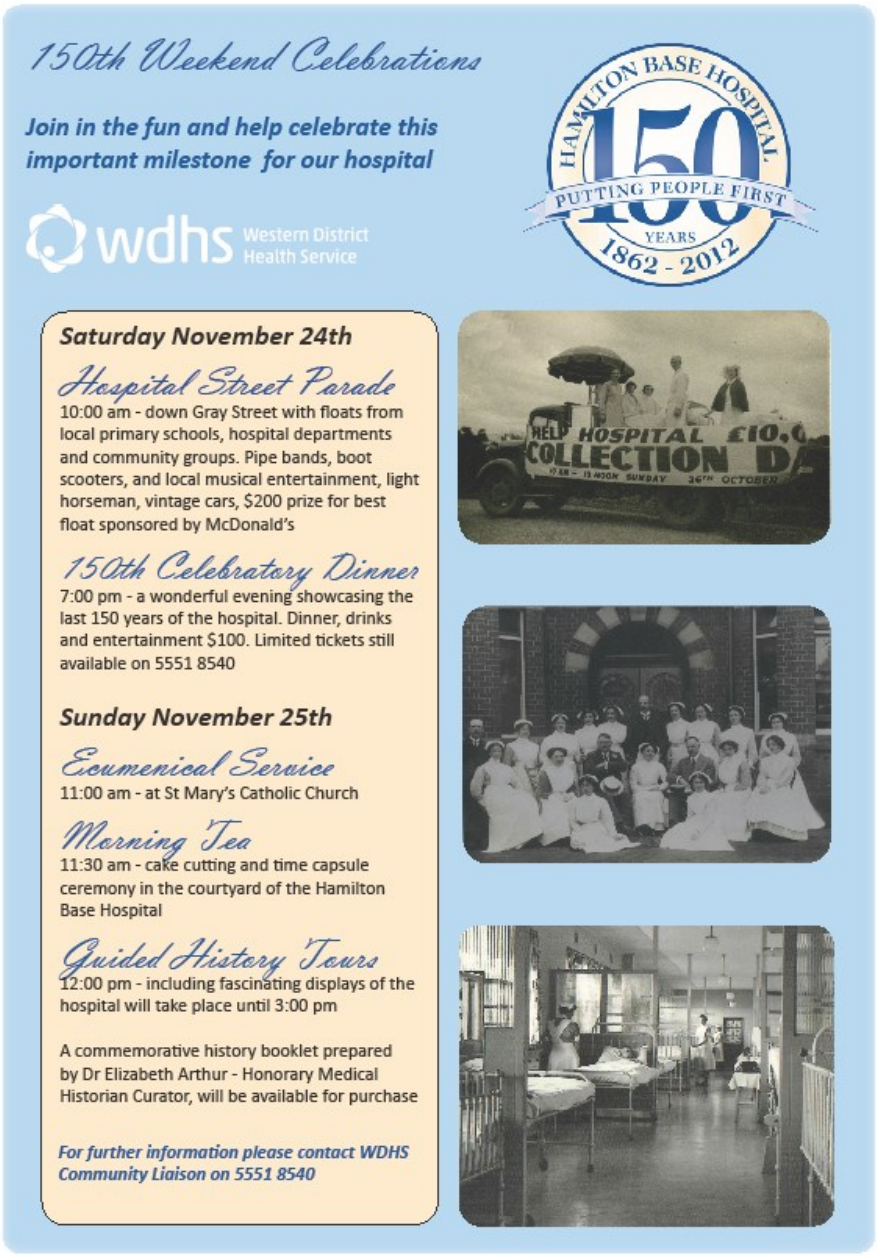
End Of Year Program 2012-Years 5-9.

The End of Year program for students in years 5-9 will run from Wednesday 12th December until Thursday 20th December inclusive. Each day is broken up into two sessions, although some activities will continue throughout the whole day.

You and your child can access the detailed program on the internet using the site baimbridgeeoyp.weebly.com. This is different from previous years. Parent/guardians will need to sign the selection sheet before your child returns it, with their preferred selections clearly marked, to school and hand it in to their Form Teacher, Mr Brooke or Mr Hodkinson. Any activity conducted outside Baimbridge will require permission and medical forms to be filled in and signed before they are returned to school.

Please note the requirements for each activity as listed in the program. Some activities require money to be paid to the East front office before the activity begins; others require money to be paid on the day to the teacher conducting the activity whilst other activities are available at no cost. At times there are other requirements needed for the activity which students need to be aware of.

Students will keep their copy of the selection sheet which is their record of activities that they have agreed to participate in. Once a student has signed up for an activity, then it is expected that they will attend that activity.

Peter Brooke and Peter Hodkinson

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