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NEWSLETTER

The last get together for the Vietnam trip students took place last week. They fly out on Saturday night around mid night.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4
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.

2013
JANUARY
Thursday 31 Students commence
FEBRUARY
Monday 4 Year 7 orientation camp

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Communication :

Every family in the school should have received a letter from school on Friday night when their son or daughter arrived home. The note pointed out what most of us know about our telephone communication since the fire in Warrnambool last Thursday. Landlines are still not working and the alternative telephone contact that was given was a school mobile phone number 0427 096 963.
Our school internet services have been returned so we are also able to accept emails at the moment on: baimbridge.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
Our newsletter is also available on our revamped website at :
www.baimbridge-co.vic.edu.au

Newsletters :

At the last School Council meeting for 2012 on Monday night, School Council agreed that in 2013 we will no longer be printing 600 newsletters and sending newsletters home with students. There will be a limited number available from the two offices at school if a parent would like to pick one up or get their son or daughter to pick them up. Otherwise newsletters will be placed on our website as they are now, or they can be emailed home as long as families give us their email address. Email addresses can be given to our front office so that we can add them to our distribution list.

Exchange Student :

German exchange student Jan Wolfarht will be at home in Germany by the time this newsletter is being read. Jan has gone back to his city life after spending time with his host family, the Tooleys. He asked me to thank everyone for making him feel welcome. He thoroughly enjoyed his stay in Hamilton and his experiences with James and the rest of the family. I would also like to thank James and Mr and Mrs Tooley for hosting Jan and to all the staff and students at Baimbridge College for making his stay with us a memorable one.

Vietnam / Cambodia :

Our trip to Vietnam and Cambodia departs this Saturday 1st December just after midnight. I would like to wish our students and their accompanying teachers well and trust that they have a wonderful time. I am certain that they will thoroughly enjoy their overseas experience and the different cultures that they are about to be immersed in.

Year 7 Ultabooks :

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. 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 in 2014 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.

Important Dates :

As the year draws to a close many students and parents get confused about end dates. The following are the dates for 2012 :

Last day for Year 10 – Friday 7th December 2012

Last day for classes Year 5 – 9 – Tues 11th December 2012

Orientation Day – Tuesday 11th December

End of Year Program – Wed 12th December – Thursday 20th December

Awards Night – Wednesday 19th December

Last day for prep to Year 9 – Thursday 20th December 2012

First day for students in 2013 – Thursday 31st January 2013

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.

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 than 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.

Academy of Interactive Entertainment :

The AIE have supported Baimbridge College in delivering certificate courses in Creative Media in Year 10 this year. This week the Head of School, Mr Laurie Costabile contacted us to donate 10 computers to Baimbridge College to support the continued delivery of the course. This is an extremely generous gesture and I would like to thank Mr Costabile and AIE for their generosity and support.

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
Acting Year 9 Co-ordinator
Miss Rosemary Morgan
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**
December 3—7	03	04 Gill Hiscock	05	06	07

GRAPHICAL CAS CALCULATORS

A reminder to parents/guardians that TI-nspire calculator orders must be finalised by tomorrow (Friday Nov 30th).
Contact Mrs Clark for more information.

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

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
EOYP Organisers

Netbook Information:

All Year 9 and 10 students who have participated in the 1:1 Netbook Program at Baimbridge College will be required to return their netbook according to the schedule below.

Thank you to all the people who have provided feedback on the 1:1 Netbook Program, your comments will help guide the future of the program. Overall the program has been very successful and students are to be commended on the very responsible way in which they have used and managed the devices.

In 2013 all year 9 and 10 students will again have access to a netbook. Students who have already been part of the program will be issued with their device at the beginning of 2013.

All students new to the program will be required to attend an information session providing the details of the program. A requirement of the program is that Parents/carers will also be required to attend this session. Both parents and students must sign an acceptable use policy.

The date scheduled for 2013 Information session is Tuesday February 12th at 6 – 7 pm in the VCE Centre.

Any questions about the netbooks can be directed to Mrs Kym Dempsey on 55722788

Netbook Return schedule.

FUNAKOSHI KARATE
INTERNATIONAL—AUSTRALIA
Pewee Karate—5-7 years
Kids Karate—8-12 years
Adults—13 years +
FUN FOR ALL AGES!
Training Dojo @ Monivae College Stadium—
Ballarat Road, Hamilton
Tuesday & Thursday night classes
COME ALONG IN THE NEW YEAR AND
RECEIVE FIRST 2 NIGHTS TRAINING FREE!
Please contact Annissa 55724000 or call into Hip
Pocket Workwear for more details.

Baimbridge College *MY*Device
Information Session for students in Year 7 in 2013

Monday 10th December 2012
6.00 – 7.00 pm
Venue: Baimbridge College VCE Centre

Dear Parent,

As advertised throughout this year, your child entering Year 7 in 2013 is about to participate in the Baimbridge College MYDevice program which will see all students in Year 7 receive an individual Ultrabook – to enable 'anywhere, anytime' learning. Through MYDevice, families will make a co-contribution to the College of approximately $250 a year for 3 years with an option to purchase the device at the end of the contract for $50.

For students in years 7 to be issued an ultrabook in 2013, **student and parental / carers attendance at an information session is compulsory.**

Please contact the school to ensure your place at this important meeting. Phone 55722788 by Friday 7th December to ensure you place. Mrs. Kym Dempsey can be contacted if you require further information.

Robert Vecchiet