Principal’s Report

Wow! What a great ‘Family Picnic’ last Friday night in our magnificent Botanical Gardens.

It was the perfect night and setting for our first activity for the year. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the great opportunity to catch up with other families. It was especially great to see so many of our new families in attendance.

Congratulations to Kieran and Kammi Barker who last weekend competed in ‘Woorrangalook’ the Victorian Indigenous Surfing Titles at Torquay. Kammi won the Under 10 girls competition and Kieran the Under 13 competition.

Last night Anthony Hill ran an informative Athletics Skill session for the staff in preparation for the training of students for the upcoming House Athletics Sports. The Prep Field Events will be held on Tuesday 25th February at school followed by the whole school House Athletics Sports on Tuesday 4th March at Pedrina Park. Further information will be sent out regarding these exciting events.

Families may be wondering about the School House Swimming Sports that have been traditionally held in Term 1 for students in Years 2 to 6 at the Hughan Park (outdoor swimming pool). Late last year, from discussions with staff and at School Council it was decided to move the swimming sports to Term 4. The reasons for the change: traditionally Term 1 is a very busy term with the transition to a new class for all students a new teacher, new class mates and grade expectations, Athletics Sports and training, severe weather which we have experienced in recent years with several other school based activities. The swimming sports in Term 4 will be after everyone has had the opportunity to complete a set of swimming lessons and student’s confidence levels are at a peak. We are hopeful also to incorporate the whole school into the sports and to have more of a focus on family, fun and water safety.

The Department ask schools to remind parents at the beginning of each school year that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs; and reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers. We have received some information from a commercial insurer which we have at the Office.

Just a final reminder regards our Meet and Greet meetings on Monday night, we have had replies from the majority of our families but if you haven’t replied as yet please do not hesitate to contact Leesa at the Office.

Enjoy your week ahead.

Helen
Safeway Earn & Learn

A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and children that collected the Earn & Learn Stickers from Safeway last year. We were able to ‘purchase’ many books and games for our Literacy area.

Pictured right: Reggie, Lily, Olivia and Millie with just a few of the games and books we were able to ‘purchase’ with our Earn and Learn stickers.

Newsletter Information

The newsletter is handed out every Thursday to the eldest child at School. You can also find the newsletter on the school website. The newsletter can also be emailed to you directly. Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter if you would like this option.

Prep Days Off

Prep students do not attend school on the following days in February:

Wednesday 19th February 2014
Wednesday 26th February 2014

Sunsmart

Hats must be worn every day during Term 1. Don’t forget to bring them to school.

New Uniform

The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays from 8.30 to 4.00p.m.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Last week EMA applications forms were handed out with the newsletter. If you are eligible please complete the form and return it along with the relevant concession card to the office by 28th February 2014. NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED

EMA Eligibility: The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled at a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2014 for instalment 1 and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment. The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must: on the first day of 1st Term (28 January 2014) for the first instalment and on the first day of 3rd Term (14 July 2014) for the second instalment: (a) be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and (b) be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR (c) be a temporary foster parent AND (d) submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below. Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known as Child Disability Allowance), or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they also comply with one of (a) (b) or (c) above.

Submission dates: The application form must be lodged at the school by:

28 February 2014 for the first instalment or 1 August 2014 for the second instalment. Important information: A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools. If your child transfers schools during the year, you will need to make an application at the new school.

Applications can still be accepted for Education Maintenance Allowance.

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. Applications must be submitted to school by 28 February, 2014.
Meet & Greet Evening – Monday 17th February

The Meet & Greet timetable will be sent home tomorrow. If you would like an appointment time but have yet to return the form, please contact Leesa tomorrow on 5571 9295. Thank you.

Netball

Netball commences this Saturday (15th February) at Pedrina Park - U10 & U12 games start at 9.30am - draws have been handed out to all children.

Canteen - Specials for Term 1

**Monday:**  
Chicken Burger (the lot) $3.50  
Bread Roll, chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot and special sauce.

Chicken Burger – Plain $3.00  
Bread Roll, chicken burger, lettuce & special sauce

**Wednesday:**  
Chicken Twister $3.00  
Crumbed chicken, salad and special sauce, served in a wrap

Available Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Salad Boxes $3.00 –  
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing

Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $3.50  
Ham Salad (as above) with sliced ham - $3.50  
Chicken Salad (as above) with diced chicken - $4.00

Fruit Salad (diced fresh fruit) $3.00

Music Lessons with Dylan Edge

This week information was sent home to students that had expressed an interest in participating in Music Lesson with Dylan Edge. Lessons are $15 for half an hour. For further information please contact Leese on 5571 9295. Thank you.

Requests from the Artroom and the Library

Could all "Artist of the Week" bags be returned to school please (we are missing 3).

Please return all overdue library books from last year.

Many thanks, Emma Brown.

Cut this out and return to the office

DITCH THE PAPER!!!  
Help us slash our photocopy costs and help the environment!  
Sign up to have your NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER INFORMATION emailed to you.

Student Name/s and grade/s: ___________________________________________

Parent Name/s: _______________________________________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________________________
Baimbridge College Transition Program 2014

Baimbridge College would like to invite parents and students to the following Transition Program opportunities for 2014:

- An information night in the West Campus Gym on Tuesday 18th February from 6 – 7 to speak to teachers and hear about the programs offered to students.

- Tour of Baimbridge College on Thursday 20th February 9.20am West Campus Conference Room to enable families to view the school classes in action.

Monivae College Open Events

Monivae College invites potential students and their families to attend one of our Open Events. Tour the College and meet Year 7 staff and the Year 7 Co-ordinator. For bookings or more information contact Lia on 5551 1200 or email lmailes@monivae.vic.edu.au

Thursday 20th Feb @ 9:30am, Sunday 2nd March @ 2:00pm, Thursday 13th March @ 7:00pm

Auskick

NAB Hamilton Auskick will commence at Pedrina Park on Saturday 26th April at 9:00am concluding Saturday 28th June 2014. There will be no Auskick sessions on the Queen’s Birthday weekend Saturday 7th June.

Go to www.aflauskick.com.au to register. All registrations must be online and no cash will be accepted. The cost is $65.00 plus credit card fees. All participants that register and pay online before Sunday 13th April 2014, are eligible for the AFL Gameday Club Connect offer of four free tickets to selected AFL games. Auskick packs will be delivered to your home addresses and no packs will be distributed at Pedrina Park.

Music Lessons

Peter Salt is offering instrumental lessons for trumpet, trombone, clarinet and saxophone. Lessons are $31 per lesson or $15.50 in a paired lesson with one other student. Peter can organise instrument hire through Dale Cleaves Music store in Warnambool. Please contact Peter Salt on 0409 949 864 or psaltbigpond.net.au

Sacramental Meeting – St Mary’s Church 2014

St Mary’s Sacramental program begins with a meeting for parents and children on Wed, 12th Feb @ 7pm in the Dunworth Centre, followed by a commitment to begin the Sacrament program at the 10.30am mass on Sun, 16th Feb.

1st Hamilton Scouts

*Adventure *Fun *Thrills *Excitement.. for boys and girls, young people and adults.

Scouts(10yrs to 15yrs) - Monday – 7pm till 9pm

Cubs (7yrs to 10yrs) - Tuesday – 7pm till 8.30pm

Venturers (15yrs to 18yrs) – Friday 28 February– 7.30pm till 9.30pm

Bridget 0412 692 014

North Boundary Road, Hamilton

New Members Welcome. For further details contact Caroline 0427 850 944