FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are beginning to have negative issues relating to the establishment by parents of Facebook pages supposedly dedicated to school related issues. Whilst I have no authority to stop people doing so, I do issue the following cautions:

i) No individual has the right to use the School name, logo or in any way pass themselves off as representing the school. The school will protect its reputation and its commercial property with vigour.

ii) Any comment on such pages which are incorrect, defamatory or damaging to the school or its suppliers will attract the full force of all remedies that are available for such comment.

iii) There is a sense in which these pages are becoming “exclusionary” of and a clique forming amongst parents.

Parents are required to abide by the normal behaviour that is expected when you choose to join any organisation. This is set out in the School Community Code of Conduct. Uninformed comments that are wrong or comments that are just plain repeating of gossip are not appropriate and I would ask parents to refrain from it. If you do have an issue please don’t use Facebook or the car-park to speak about what your concerns are; come and see us.

I think many people in our community are still not aware of the degree of interest our new sports program, particularly our Elite Sports Program is creating across the Country. The model developed here over the past 3-4 years is increasingly been recognised as a way in which schools can effectively combine the needs of students aspiring to be high achieving athletes, whilst maintaining a normal education.

The results for our students in the program continue to be outstanding and I highlight three recent achievements. Stephanie Storey competed in the Open Women’s finals of the 200m Butterfly at the Australian titles in Adelaide. Congratulations to these three students and all others who are taking advantage of the expertise and experience we are able to offer to assist them in meeting their sporting ambitions.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

YEARS 8 - 11 EXAMINATIONS
Examinations for students in Years 8 - 11 commenced Tuesday of this week and will conclude on Tuesday 25th November. Any student who has missed their examination due to illness or otherwise will have the opportunity to complete their examinations throughout the following week.

ASSESSMENT TASK/ASSIGNMENTS
The coming two weeks are the last two weeks of Semester Two (2015 classes “Headstart” commence November 26th). It is very important that students remain on task and complete and submit all tests, assignments and other assessment tasks. Staff will begin grading examinations, and assignments in preparation for the writing of Semester Two descriptive reports. Semester Reports will be collated and posted to families at the beginning of the Summer Holidays.

SCHOOL COLOURS
The following Year 11 students were awarded School Colours and presented with the colours pocket at Senior School Assembly last week. The students were awarded colours for the following areas of Academic excellence, Services to the school and the wider community, excellence in sport, music and drama.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Concert
The Junior School Concert will be held on Monday 8th December 2014 beginning at 6.00pm. The Concert will be held in the school gymnasium. This is an official school event and all students from Prep to Year 4 are expected to attend. However, if your child is in Grade 5 or 6 and is involved in any of the items listed below, it is compulsory that they attend.

1. GLEE Club: ‘Matilda’ and ‘Que Sera’
2. ‘Zip-a Dee Doo Dah’- Alice in Wonderland (Caterpillar, 4 Extra Caterpillars, Small Alice and Extra Flowers)
3. ‘How Do Ye Do and Shake Hands’ - Alice in Wonderland (Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, Alice)
4. Junior Orchestra

Please Note: The doors to the gymnasium will not be opened for parent or student entry prior to 5.40pm.

Arrangements for the Night Performance:
Students will be required to arrive at the gymnasium between 5.40pm and 6.00pm and meet their class in their assigned class area as listed below:

Exception to this arrangement: All students in the Year Prep to Year 4 choir, who are performing “Light of Christmas”, are to immediately assemble on the stage in the gymnasium, on arrival at school, prior to 6.00pm. Please do not take choir students to the rooms listed below:

All other students:
Prep A and B - Room P5
Prep C and D - Room P6
Prep E - Room P7
Year 1A, B and C - Room L6
Year 1D and E - Room L7
Year 2 - Room Q1, Room Q1 is upstairs in the gymnasium,next to dance studio
Year 3A and B - Room N5
Year 3C - Room N6
Year 4 A, B, C Music Students - Dance Studio, Dance is upstairs in the gymnasium
Year 4 A, B, C Performing Arts Students - Room P4
Alice in Wonderland - Room Q3, Room Q3 is upstairs in the gymnasium, next to weights room
Glee Club - Room N7
Students are to arrive in the costume as designated by their class teacher. Specific notes regarding this will be sent home with individual grades.

Please note a map of the school is attached to the full version of the newsletter for your reference.

Collection of students after the concert:
At the conclusion of the concert, class teachers will assemble their class and return to their own classroom with the students. Once students and staff have left the gymnasium, parents are to make their way to the relevant classrooms to collect their child. Parents will be required to sign out children with the class teacher prior to leaving.

Elizabeth O’Day
Deputy Principal - Head of the Junior School

2015 BOOKLIST & UNIFORM NEWS

Booklists 2015
All Booklists have been distributed to all Junior and Senior students for 2015.

Second Hand Uniform & Books
Traditionally a second hand uniform and book swap meet is held in Wilson Hall in December. Due to the update of the logo on the uniforms and also some updates to the 2015 Booklist this will not occur this year.

If you wish to sell suitable second hand uniform or booklist items please email through the details to: school@bmg.vic.edu.au
The information will be placed on the School’s website for interested people to contact you directly. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Michelle Graham
Principal’s Assistant

JUNIOR SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR EXTRAS

The Learning Hub and The Sports Hub and Clubs.
For each of these programs it is important and the parent/guardians responsibility to notify the program coordinators if there are any changes to your child/ren’s attendance on the day that they are to attend. This may be done by SMS to either related program on the following numbers:

The Learning Hub - 0408 548 058
The Sport Hub - 0428 315 081
or
Confirmations of absentees may be phoned through the main school number on 5366 4800.

*A reminder for all students attending The Learning Hub, The Sports Hub and/or Clubs Program MUST have a spare hat to wear. Students are expected to keep their spare hat in their school bag so it is available to them after school. Students who do not attend with a hat will be excluded from outdoor activities.
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**JS SPORTS NEWS**

Congratulations to the Mixed Hoop Time (Future Stars) team, who last Friday won their way to the State finals to be held at Dandenong Basketball Stadium next Friday. This is an amazing achievement and we wish the boys and girls all the best as they aim to become the number one mixed basketball school team in Victoria.

Nick Sher

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**SS SPORTS NEWS**

**“From the Gym”**

**Singapore Sports Tour 2015**

A reminder to all students who placed their name on the list to attend the 2015 Singapore Sports Tour, deposits are due and must be returned to the Administration Office by Friday 21st November.

Any students interested please see Mr. Perks. The camp will introduce and educate athletes to the demands of international travel, sports nutrition, fatigue and recovery techniques and individual specific and group training sessions. The Singapore Sports School is keen to invite netballers to train with their program and as such we encourage our netballers to take up this fantastic opportunity. BMG will again be offering a specific dance component to this camp with Frontier Danceland Singapore. Students will also have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a unique cultural experience in Singapore, including visiting the night zoo, Universal Studios, China town and the Singapore markets. It is proposed the camp will take place in the mid-year school holiday break approximately July 1st to the 8th 2015.

**BMG/ FedUniWestVic Academy of Sport Success**

Congratulations to two Bacchus Marsh Grammar FedUni WestVic Academy of Sports scholarship holders who have performed brilliantly in the past weeks.

Julia Bourke has won Gold in the All Schools Athletics Under 17 Girls Shot Put and broke the current record. She followed this up with Silver in her first attempt at formal competition in the Under 17 Girls Hammer.

Stephanie Storey has swum magnificently in the Open Womens 200m Butterfly at the Australian Short Course Swimming Championships recently held in Adelaide. Stephanie made the open Final and finished 8th in Australia Open Women.

Congratulations to both girls who continue to be great role models for all our athletes.

Once again congratulations to all on a great week for BMG Mustangs in Sport! In the meantime train hard, get active and stay healthy!

Andrew Perks
Director of Sport

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**LOTE NEWS**

**BMG 2015 Japan Tour**

An information night for the proposed 2015 Japan tour is to be held in the SS Lecture Theatre on Thursday 2015 27th November at 7.00pm. Any students wishing to go to Japan on the tour in 2015 are encouraged to come along to the meeting with their parents.

**Host Families Required**

The LOTE department is seeking families to host a Japanese girl/boy from the 10th to 22nd March 2015. If you can assist please complete a Host Family Profile Form which is attached to the full version of the Grammar Weekly online.

For further information please contact Mr Love at school or through his email lovem@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Michael Love

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**CAREERS NEWS**

**Careers Newsletter Edition #15** is now available at: www.bmg.vic.edu.au Navigate to > News & Events > Publications

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**2015 Instrumental Lesson Enrolment / Cancellation notification.**

Instrumental enrolments for 2015 are now closed.

Notification of places in the program will be sent out on 21st November. If you have not returned an enrolment form to date, late forms will now be added to the waiting list and places will be offered when available.
Please note the following important dates in relation to the Instrumental program for 2015:

**Friday 21st November** – All enrolment confirmations posted to parents.

**Friday 5th December** – Due date for 2015 instrumental program cancellation notice.

Please be advised that if a place cannot be provided in the 2015 instrumental program for Semester One, applications will be forwarded to a waiting list until such time a position becomes available.

Mr Dean Thomas  
Director of Music.

**BUS NEWS**


The Public Transport Victoria (PTV) School Bus Operation Division has conducted a review of eligible students travelling on school buses. They have advised that the number of students registered on the network is less than the actual number of students who are travelling.

As a result, PTV has advised us that only eligible students who have registered and completed an Application for Permission to Travel Form travel on the school bus. PTV has noted that in the near future those students who are not registered will not be able to travel on the return route from school.

If you have not completed Application for Permission to Travel Form for your child, please contact Kerryn Browne in the Administration office.

Kerryn Browne  
Bus Coordinator

**ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1st January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools. This funding will replace the current provision of the Education Maintenance Allowance which is directly paid to parents. **Parents will be unable to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.**

The funding will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. **Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. At this stage the School has received no indication of what or if any funding it will receive under the new arrangements.**

The change to how money is distributed was required by the funding agreement between the Commonwealth Government and State Government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to the School Principal.

**School Early Leavers**

A reminder to all students and parents: if a student is required to leave school early for any reason, please ensure that your child has a signed note in their diary. This note must be sighted and counter signed by their Year Level.
Coordinator or Teacher, Mr Richardson or Mrs O'Day. Parents are required to arrange to meet their child at the Main Office in order to sign out in the Early Leavers Register.

Please note students are not permitted to have mobile phones switched on during School hours.

**PFA NEWS**

**Sale:**
The PFA are selling a VERY limited number of the school house drink bottles for $3.00 each.
If you wish to purchase a house drink bottle please include the following information on an envelope:
- Name of child
- Class
- House
- Number of bottles required
- Payment in the envelope.

Return envelope and payment to the Main Administration Office attention PFA.

**BMG PFA 2014 Christmas Raffle**

**Tickets $1 each (book of 10)**
**Tickets to be returned by 5 December 2014 to the BMG Administration Office. Raffle drawn Monday 8 December 2014**

Due to the fabulous support from the BMG Community towards the Amart Loyalty Program the PFA will be running a Christmas Raffles as their final fundraiser for 2014. Raffle books have been circulated to families of the Junior school. Senior students may collect books from the Main Administration Office.

**Prizes include:**
- 1st Prize - 50cm Nitro BMX bike
- 2nd Prize - 4x reading Cinemas voucher and candy store voucher.
- 3rd & 4th Prizes - $50 Amart sports voucher.
- 5th & 6th Prizes - Mixed sports ball hamper.
- 7th Prize - Indoor Mini basketball pro hoop and ball set.
- 8th Prize - 39" Boogie board and towel.
- 9th Prize - 37" Boogie board and towel.
- 10th Prize - Totem tennis set and slip n slide.

The PFA is registered and now part of Amart sports loyalty rewards program. Families shopping at Amart stores may choose to nominate Bacchus Marsh Grammar as their community group and the PFA will receive benefits associated with this program.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**“ON CAMPUS” TRADING HOURS**
Mon & Fri: 12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.
Wed: 8a.m. to 12noon
Bacchus Marsh Grammar “On Campus Shop”
Phone: 5367 4072

**RUSHFORDS TRADING HOURS**
Mon-Fri: 9a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sat: 9a.m. to 1p.m.
Shop 3-5 Watton Arcade, 28 Watton Street, Werribee
Phone: 9741 3211 Fax: 9741 3155
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au

Please NOTE secondhand items are now advertised on the school website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Sienna – One Step at a Time Race Night**
Come along and be a part of this special event.
**Date:** Saturday 22nd November
**Venue:** St Bernard’s Parish Hall, Lerderderg Street, Bacchus Marsh
**Time:** From 7.15pm

**Tickets:**
- Children 15-17 - $20.00
- Adults - $50.00

To purchase tickets please contact Brad on 0419 508 569
All proceeds go to Sienna’s wheelchair.
Special Guests on the night include footballers Dyson Heppell and Brian Lake

**January School Holiday Program - available in Hoppers Crossing**
The Grange Community Centre is a not for profit community centre located in Hoppers Crossing, we offer School Holiday Program for children from all schools.

The program is available from 12th January to 30th January 2015. All students of primary school age are welcome. The Grange Community Centre, 260-280 Hogans Road, Hoppers Crossing.

For more information ph: 8742 8000 or visit the website www.grangecommunity.org.au.

Disclaimer: please note the school provides this newsletter space to local community activity based businesses and does not have an affiliation or endorse individual businesses.
Making the decision about your child’s education is one of the most important responsibilities you have as a parent. Take some time to reflect, ask questions about your child’s education, and explore your options. Come meet with us and visit our preschool and learn more about our program.

176 Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh
Phone: 5367 7706
Email: bmmontessori@gmail.com
bacchusmarshmontessori.com.au
# Term Dates 2015

## Term 1 2015
- **Staff Day – ALL Staff Commence**
  - Friday, 23\(^{rd}\) January
- **Australia Day**
  - Monday 26\(^{th}\) January (Public Holiday)
- **Year 12 Day Camp**
  - Wednesday 28\(^{th}\) January
- **Year 12 Classes Commence**
  - Thursday 29\(^{th}\) January
- **Year 12 Classes**
  - Friday 30\(^{th}\) January
- **Prep Rec & Prep – Year 11 commence**
  - Monday 2\(^{nd}\) February
- **Labour Day**
  - Monday 9\(^{th}\) March
- **End of Term 1**
  - Friday 27\(^{th}\) March
- **Good Friday – Friday 3\(^{rd}\) April, Easter Monday – 6\(^{th}\) April**

## Term 2 2015
- **Staff & Students Commence**
  - Monday 13\(^{th}\) April
- **Queen’s Birthday**
  - Monday 8\(^{th}\) June
- **End of Term 2**
  - **Staff Week**
    - Monday 22\(^{nd}\) June to Friday 26\(^{th}\) June
  - **Year 10 Work Experience Week**
    - Monday 22\(^{nd}\) June to Friday 26\(^{th}\) June

## Term 3 2015
- **Staff Commence (1\(^{st}\) Aid Training Day)**
  - Monday 13\(^{th}\) July
- **Students Commence**
  - Tuesday 14\(^{th}\) July
- **Mid-Term Break**
  - Monday 2\(^{nd}\) November
- **Melbourne Cup**
  - Tuesday 3\(^{rd}\) November
- **Orientation Day**
  - Tuesday 17\(^{th}\) November (Junior & Year 7 2016)
- **Senior Students Study Day**
  - Tuesday 17\(^{th}\) November (Senior School ONLY)
- **Awards Day & End of Term (Years 9-11)**
  - Monday 7\(^{th}\) December (Years 9-11 only)
- **Awards Day & End of Term (Years 5-8)**
  - Tuesday 8\(^{th}\) December (Years 5-8 only)
- **Junior School Concert/Last Day (Prep - 4)**
  - Wednesday 9\(^{th}\) December (Prep – Year 4 only)
- **Staff Day**
  - Thursday 10\(^{th}\) December
- **Staff Day**
  - Friday 11\(^{th}\) December

## Term 4 2015
- **Staff Commence**
  - Monday 5\(^{th}\) October
- **Year 12 Examinations**
  - Monday 5\(^{th}\) October (externally supervised at school)
- **Students Commence**
  - Tuesday 6\(^{th}\) October
- **Mid-Term Break**
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