FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome all new students who joined us this week for the 2015 Headstart Program in the Senior School. Headstart is our way of ensuring that students remain focused on work until the end of the year in a way that is meaningful and helpful in terms of their preparation for next year. I would urge students to make the most of the week as it really gives you an excellent preparation for what lies ahead.

Work on buildings continues at a pace. All three major construction projects are underway and running on schedule. I would like to thank those staff and students who have put up with being moved from their normal classrooms to enable us to maintain a fairly tight schedule. I would ask that parents observe the fencing that has been placed around building areas, both as a legal requirement but also as a safety precaution for their own wellbeing.

Chromebook distribution begins this week. I want to stress to parents and students that these are an additional education resource. They will provide further ICT capacity but they will not result in a wholesale change to how we teach and deliver classes. I have been extremely impressed with the positive way this new initiative has been accepted and the ever increasing capacity the new Chromebooks we have already obtained have been able to demonstrate.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Graduation
The Year 6 Graduation evening will be held at Taylors Lakes Convention centre on Tuesday 2nd December. Students must be seated in the main dining area by 6.50pm ready for a 7.00pm start. The formal proceedings of the evening will begin promptly at 7.00pm, with the meal to follow.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal - Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR SCHOOL AWARDS 2014
The Bacchus Marsh Grammar School Awards afternoons will occur as planned with the following details.

- The Senior Awards for Years 9-11 will be conducted on Tuesday, 9th December at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, commencing at 1:30pm and concluding at 3:00pm in the John Leaver Centre (school gymnasium).
  - Years 9 to 11 (2014) final day - dismissed at the conclusion of the awards.

- The Senior Awards for Years 5 to 8 will be conducted on Wednesday, 10th December at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, commencing at 1:30pm and concluding at 3:00pm in the John Leaver Centre (School Gymnasium).
  - Years 5 to 8 (2014) final day - dismissed at the conclusion of the awards.

- An invitation is extended to all parents to attend, afternoon tea will be provided in the mezzanine area of the John Leaver Centre (school gymnasium) at the conclusion of the Award Ceremony.

- Award recipients will be notified, enabling parents to make suitable arrangements for attendance.

- School buses will operate as normal – students will be able to make their way home after the Awards Afternoon.

All students are to wear their Summer or Full school uniform for this occasion. Students who are dressed in Sports uniform will not be permitted to participate.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal - Head of the Senior School

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Fax: (03) 5366 4850
Website: http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au
E-Mail: school@bmg.vic.edu.au
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
- 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.

**Year 5-8 Awards afternoon**
Families will be notified in advance if their child is to receive an award during the Year 5-8 Award ceremony. Parents are welcome to join us for this afternoon to celebrate the achievements of all year 5-8 students for the school year.

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

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**Booklists 2015**
All Booklists have been distributed to all Junior and Senior students for 2015. **Senior School Families** - If you wish the school to return booklists on your behalf they must be returned by Monday 1st December.

**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

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR EXTRAS**

Reminder to parents/guardians next week will be the last week for After School Sports for 2015.

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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**LOTE NEWS**

**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

**CAREERS NEWS**

**Tax File Number Applications**

**Important Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015**
The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date through school.

Please submit a tax file application to your tutor teacher if you are in Year 9 or to the Careers Office if you are in Year 10 or 11 by the end of term otherwise in January 2015, you will need to apply through Australia Post or online. Tax File application forms are available at the Careers Office.


Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

**BUS NEWS**

**Private Bus Service Reminder**

Private bus services including all Werribee, Watergardens, Caroline Springs, Cairnlea and Sunbury/Gisborne buses are private bus services for students who live in the Werribee, Watergardens, Caroline Springs, Sunbury and Gisborne areas. Students who are not allocated a seat on these bus routes are not permitted to travel on these services at any time.

**Late Bus Service**

The late bus service is available from Monday to Thursday which departs the school at 4.30pm. Students requiring use of the late bus must put their name on the late bus list in the Main Office by the end of lunch on the required day. The size of the late bus is determined by daily demand. If students fail to put their name on the late bus list they will not be guaranteed a seat.

The cost of the Late Bus is $10.00 per trip and the fee will be charged to your next terms fee account. Please note if students place their name on the late bus list and do not inform the office that they no longer need the service by the end of the day the $10.00 fee will be charged to term fees. A copy of the Late Bus timetable is available from the Main Office.

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY PM:**

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**ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

**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

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

RUSHFORDS SCHOOLWEAR
“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

Trentham Whole Town Garage Sale
Saturday 6 December
8am - 2pm
Maps $3
Available at TNC from 8am
Sausage sizzle & coffee
Funds raised from map sales will go to
Trentham Neighbourhood Centre Inc.
A small centre with a warm welcome.
5424 1354 • admin@trenthamnc.org.au
Cnr High and Market Streets, Trentham

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.
Term Dates 2015

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

**Term 2 2015**
- **Staff & Students Commence**: Monday 13th April
- **Queen's Birthday**: Monday 8th June
- **End of Term 2**: Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June

**Term 3 2015**
- **Staff Commence (1st Aid Training Day)**: Monday 13th July
- **Students Commence**: Monday 6th October (externally supervised at school)
- **Mid-Term Break**: Monday 2nd November
- **Awards Day & End of Term (Years 9-11)**: Monday 7th December (Years 9-11 only)
- **Awards Day & End of Term (Years 5-8)**: Wednesday 9th December (Prep – Year 4 only)
- **Senior Students Study Day**: Tuesday 17th November (Senior School ONLY)
- **Junior School Concert/Last Day (Prep - 4)**: Thursday 10th December
- **Staff Day**: Friday 11th December

**Term 4 2015**
- **Year 12 Examinations**: Monday 5th October
- **Students Commence**: Tuesday 6th October
- **Melbourne Cup**: Monday 2nd November
- **Orientation Day (Junior & Year 7 2016)**: Tuesday 17th November (Junior & Year 7 2016)
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- **Staff Day**: Friday 11th December

**Good Friday – Friday 3rd April, Easter Monday – 6th April**

**End of Term 1**: Friday 27th March

**End of Term 2**: Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June

**End of Term 3**: Monday 7th December (Years 9-11 only)

**End of Term 3**: Tuesday 8th December (Years 5-8 only)

**End of Term 4**: Wednesday 9th December (Prep – Year 4 only)

**End of Term 4**: Thursday 10th December (Prep – Year 4 only)

**End of Term 4**: Friday 11th December