FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was pleasing to hear the positive feedback from parents at the recent round of parent-teacher interviews. The first few weeks of the year are extremely important in terms of students settling in and it is heartening to hear how well this has been going.

Last Friday I attended one of the regular Director’s meetings of VESS, The Victorian Ecumenical System of Schools. The school has been a member of VESS for over 17 years and it serves as the main body through which the school receives its funding. The school is made up of 14 schools spread across the State and educates in excess of 15,000 students. VESS is a little known but hugely important part of this school’s story. Not only do we receive funding through the System, but we are provided with an avenue to discuss matters of mutual significance but more importantly lobby on behalf of the needs of rural and outer-suburban schools. Whilst the school is a member of a number of organisations that provide the capacity for lobbying, VESS has proved over the past few years to be easily the most effective. It also provides for parents of schools an added level of checks and balances to ensure that school’s financial arrangements and directions are on track. This school, far from seeing this as either onerous or a reduction of some supposed independence, sees that it is another useful reassurance for our community, School Council and senior staff to ensure the long term viability and sustainability of the school.

I wish all members of the community a safe and restful long weekend.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

CURRENT FAMILY ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY INTO 2016

A reminder to all current families who wish all their children to attend Bacchus Marsh Grammar, the school requires a “Registration of Enrolment” form submitted for each child. The entry process for 2016 is soon to commence. Please contact the School Registrar on 5366 4800 if you have not completed this process for any siblings, who are eligible for school entry into Prep Reception, Prep or Year 7 in 2016.

Please note current Year 6 BMG students DO NOT require a “Registration of Enrolment” to enter Year 7.

IMPORTANT DATES

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INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Students in Years 7 to 10 (2015) have the opportunity to be involved in an International Cultural Exchange to France in March/April of 2016. Interested students were given a booklet with information about Bacchus Marsh Grammar’s international cultural experience program. If you would like your child to be involved in the wonderful opportunity to visit France (or Japan) throughout Secondary School, ask them for a copy of this booklet. Extra copies are available from the Student Procedures Office.
Administration Office and are attached to the full version of The Grammar Weekly online. Your child does not need to be studying the associated language, although it does help, to be involved. We ask parents to read through the booklet and start planning now for when your child in in Years 8 – 11 2016, to be involved.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Principal’s Awards are awarded to students who have been involved in activities that are particularly outstanding, if you believe that your child has been involved in an activity that is noteworthy, please inform your child’s Tutor Group Teacher, Year Level Coordinator and/or myself, for recommendation for a Principal’s Award.

The following students were presented with a Principal’s Award for their involvement in the Lions Youth of the Year. Each student was required to be interview by a panel, present a speech on a topic of their choice and give a two minute impromptu speech in response to a topic just presented to them. All four students were outstanding ambassadors of Bacchus Marsh Grammar and deserved recipients of a Principal’s Award. Congratulations to Leyla Chapman, Sarah Neville, Andrew Lock and Marcus Macklin of Year 12.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Senior school parent teacher interviews were held last Tuesday evening for Year 7 Students. Next Tuesday, 10th of March is the Parent Teacher interviews for Year 11 & 12 students. If you require an interview and were/are unable to attend, please make contact with your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Parent teacher interviews are now booked via the PARENT PORTAL, accessed through the school website. The portal will be open for appointments approximately 2 weeks prior to the evening and close the day before the scheduled parent teacher date.

This session of Parent Teacher Interviews is an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss their child’s progress to this point. Whilst the time allocated for each interview is only five minutes you may make contact with your child’s teacher and/or Year Level Coordinator to follow up and discuss any concerns arising from your Parent Teacher Interviews especially if you have further questions or concerns.

Parent Teacher Interviews for students in Years 8 to 10, will occur early Term Two with dates as following:
- 21st April - Yr. 8 Parent teacher interviews
- 22nd April - Yr. 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews
- 28th April - Yr. 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews

Please note these dates on your calendar, information will be provided to students and parents in the latter weeks of this term.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal - Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

HUBS Programs
Friendly reminder to all HUBS families a NO HAT NO PLAY rule has been introduced. Regretfully too many children are coming to sport without their spare hats. Students without a hat will be supervised while completing a worksheet or homework, while sport activities are underway. To avoid this please supply your child with a spare hat (it does not need to be a school branded hat).

Sports Hub

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

SRC NEWS

BMG Easter Raffle 2015
Due to the overwhelming support of last year’s Junior and Senior School SRC (Student Representative Council) Easter Raffle we are again jointly holding an Easter Raffle as the last fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to charity chosen by the SRC groups.

The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with donations of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to the Administration Office marked SRC RAFFLE.

A booklet of 10 tickets was sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by Friday 20th March 2015. Ticket butts need to include a name and contact number.

Prizes will be drawn at school and winners notified. The prizes being raffled are:

Baskets of Easter Eggs

Thank you to the school community for your support of the SRC raffle.

JS & SS SRC Committees
BMG HUBS PROGRAMS
NEWS
The Learning Hub, 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.

or
email the Learning Hub via hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au

*A reminder for all students attending The Learning Hub, The Sports Hub and/or Clubs Program they 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. The student’s spare hat is not required to be a school branded hat. Students who do not attend with a hat will be excluded from outdoor activities.

The Hub team

JS ART
NEWS
The Junior School Art Department is seeking the following items to be utilised in Art classes:

- Onion and Citrus Fruit Bags (they are a mesh type material, usually orangefred in colour)
- Corks

Please note all items must be clean and may be taken to the Junior School art rooms W5 or W6 or alternatively left at Administration.

Sian Rawlinson
Head of Arts - Junior School / Competition Coordinator

SCHOLASTIC
NEWS
Issue 2 is out this week!
Orders due by Thursday 12th March
LOOP orders due midday Monday 16th March*

Thank you to all the parents who have ordered through LOOP for Issue 1. The transition to the new system has been very successful. I am working on resolving any minor problems. I have included the ordering procedure again on the online newsletter to assist parents wishing to use LOOP either via their PC or the new app.

Reminder: Senior School students to order via Melinda Facey (Senior Librarian)

*Orders may still be made through LOOP until Monday 16th when I will be submitting orders in the afternoon. Any orders placed after this date can still be made but you will be required to pay postage & handling and the order will be delivered to your home.

Di Dunn
Bookclub Coordinator

LOTE
NEWS
BMG Japan Trip 2015
Students who would like to attend the BMG trip to Japan in 2015 must pay a $500 deposit by Wednesday 11th March.

The deposit payment assists in finalising numbers so that accommodation and flights can be booked. At this stage the cost of the trip is approx. $4600 + spending money.

There will be another information night on the 16th April at 7.30 in the BMG Lecture Theatre. For further information please contact Mr. Love at lovem@bmg.vic.edu.au

Michael Love
LOTE Week 2015
In week 8 of Term 1 (16th-20th of March), the Senior School will be celebrating LOTE week. As part of our week of celebration for Languages Other Than English (LOTE), we will be holding a series of events during lunchtimes.
Events include:

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Any money raised during the week will be donated to “Restos du Coeur”, a French charity that aims to provide volunteer assistance to those in need, in particular by providing access to free meals and shelter to the homeless and aiding them to gain employment. The charity also assists those who sit on or below Henderson poverty line.

Pre-order forms for the mini food festival have been distributed to students. To guarantee no-one misses out, please ensure order forms and money are returned by Tuesday the 10th of March. Please note this is a SENIOR SCHOOL ONLY EVENT.

Alice Backhouse

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

The Equestrian Team has been very busy over the last few weekends. Maddison Buckner, Olivia Caon, Ben Peterson, Briana Peterson and Olivia Peterson represented BMG at the Geelong Grammar Show Jumping Day held last Sunday. Well done to Olivia who placed in the top half of her class and Maddison who placed 4th and 6th in her class.

Best of luck to our five riders competing at the Assumption College Dressage Competition at Lancefield this Saturday.

Congratulations also to Hannah McLean who rode at the State Championships for Bacchus Marsh Pony Club recently. Her team placed third overall in Show Jumping.

Georgia Romaszko
Equestrian Co-ordinator

YEAR 7 NEWS

All parents of students in Year 7 are warmly invited to attend the Study Skills Information Evening on Monday 16th March at 7pm in Wilson Hall. Darren Pereira, from Success Integrated will introduce the BMG Student Wall Planner, the interactive resource package and share examples of ‘best practice’ in the use of these resources. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nici Deller
Director of Literacy Development & Support

SS PRODUCTION NEWS

"Beauty & the Beast" CAMP FORMS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 5. Get yours in NOW!

Notes for the Production Camp have been distributed to students and are now due to be returned to school. The camp will be held at Anglesea over the weekend of March 13-15. This site has all the facilities we need for our busy rehearsal schedule.
Please check the note for details of departure and return times, as well as what to bring. If you have any queries about the camp, please feel free to email me: stratakosh@bmg.vic.edu.au. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Helena Stratakos
Learning Area Coordinator: Drama

GALLERY NEWS

Featured in the gallery this week:
- sculptural works created by year 9 and 10 students
- colourful mono-prints produced by year 5 students
- seascapes and sunsets painted by year 9 and 10 students
- a selection of drawings from observation

Congratulations to all students who have work selected for showing.

You are most welcome to come and view our students work. Please sign in at the Main Administration Office prior to visiting the BMG Gallery.

Lou Callow
Gallery Coordinator
CAREERS
NEWS

Students and Parents are welcome to read the regular BMG Careers Newsletter for information relating to Tertiary Courses, Expos, Employment Tips and much more. The first edition is available for download at the school website under the ‘News and Events’ tab. Edition 2 is now available.

Alice Wu-Tolls and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

HEALTH CENTRE
NEWS

Vaccine Program

There are three big changes to the vaccine program in 2015 which will impact on parents of secondary school students:

1. The Moorabool Shire Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the School Health Centre by Thursday 5th March 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Moorabool Shire Council.

2. In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

3. The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Please look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au.

Jo Stanley
School Nurse

CANTEEN
NEWS

Senior School Lunch Ordering Procedure
1. A table is placed outside the canteen with a tub that includes lunch order bags and pens for students to utilise if they have not already completed orders at home.

2. Completed orders are to be “posted” through the slot in the canteen door by 9.30AM daily.

3. Senior Students are to collect orders from the canteen. Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 collect their own lunch off the respective shelf section from the canteen.

Students in Years 7 & 8 are to collect their orders from the front counter in the lunch order pick up queue.

Canteen printed lunch order bags are now available and may be collected from the Canteen or the Administration Office.

Canette Roster

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Thank you to all our volunteers who lend their time to come into the Canteen and help, your children/ grand children love seeing you & we appreciate your help.
Junior School Lunch Ordering Procedure
1. Each Junior School Class has a lunch basket in their classroom in which students place their completed lunch order bags. Junior classes send baskets with canteen monitors to the canteen by **9.30AM daily**.

2. Lunch orders are filled and placed back into these baskets for collection by Canteen Monitors from each class prior to lunch.

Emergency Lunch Procedure
In our busy day-to-day lives the school understands that students and families may forget lunches and an emergency replacement lunch may be required. If this should occur all students are to report to the Main Administration Office for an emergency lunch requisition. Payment for the emergency lunch must be made to the Administration Office the next school day. Teaching staff are not be permitted to send students directly to the canteen for emergency lunches.

Parents/guardians of **all students** will be contacted by Administration staff for permission to give students an emergency lunch requisition and to check if there are any specific dietary requirements and a dollar value to spend.

Canteen Volunteers
The School and canteen staff would greatly appreciate volunteer support from the school community and your assistance is always welcome. To any parent who is thinking of assisting in the canteen in 2014, you are required to have a current **Working With Children Check**. Once you have received your card please present it to the Main Administration Office where a copy of the card will be kept in a confidential file.

Kerrie, Leanne and Janine.

**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 $11.00 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 $11.00 fee will be charged to term fees. A copy of the Late Bus timetable is available from the Main Office.

**Late Bus Service**
**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY PM:**
- 4.30 Depart Bacchus Marsh Grammar
- 4.55 Coburns Central near Safeway Petrol Station (Coburns Road, Melton)
- 5.10 Caroline Springs Boulevard (service rd just after Chisolm Dr roundabout)
- 5.30 514 Derrimut Rd (Service Road between Rebecca Prm and Baden Powell Drive)
- 5.35 Werribee Plaza (Corner Derrimut Rd and Baggott Drive)
- 5.45 Werribee Railway Station
- 5.50 Corner Ballan Road and Whitton Grove
- 5.52 Corner Ballan Road and Manor Lakes Blvd (Shopping Centre Bus Interchange)

**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.

Lost Property
Please check that all items of students’ clothing are clearly named: in doing so, items mislaid and taken to lost property will quickly be returned via class/tutor group teachers to their owners.

Please clearly name your child’s uniform to protect your investment in its purchase.

**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.

Symone Whiteway
PFA President
ON CAMPUS UNIFORM SHOP SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS
The On Campus Uniform Shop will be open during the following hours during the school holidays.

Wednesday 8th April   10am – 2pm
Thursday 9th April   10am – 2pm
Friday 10th April   10am – 2pm

“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

St Bernard’s Catholic Parish
Bacchus Marsh
Sacramental Program for children attending local government and independent schools within the parish of Bacchus Marsh, Maddingley, Darley, Coimadai,Parwan, Balliang & Balliang East, Rowsley, Myrmiong) and wanting to participate in the following sacraments:
 Confirmation - Gr 6 or higher
 Eucharist - Gr 4 or higher
 First Reconciliation - Gr 3 or higher

should register immediately for ALL Sacraments at the Parish Office, 61 Lerderderg Street, Bacchus Marsh, Tues to Fri 9am to 3:30pm.
Enrolments for all Sacraments (particularly Confirmation) must be completed by Tuesday 31 March 2015.
Attendance at all classes is compulsory. Dates of preparation classes will be given on enrolment. Fee $50 per child per sacrament payable on enrolment.
Enquiries: 5367 2069

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?
KNIGHTS BASKETBALL CLUB is looking for boys and girls to join our Club.

Looking to play basketball for a club? Why not join the Knights Basketball Club. The best way to learn or enjoy basketball is to join a team in your local area. This is an opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, get fit, develop your skills and enjoy the great game of basketball.

Our Club caters for children of all abilities, ages, male and female from under 8’s through to Under 18’s. We are currently in need of female players for most of our age groups.

Our games are played on a Saturday with training during the week at various locations in Melton. If you or your child is looking to become involved in basketball we encourage you to contact John on 0419 565 058 for further details.
DARLEY
DESVLS
DARLEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
2015 PLAYER PAYMENT DAY
DARLEY PARK
Sunday 22nd February
10AM - 2PM
+
Sunday 15th March
12PM - 2PM

SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY!
Visit: darleyjnrfnc.com.au
Click on "Season 2015" then "2015 Player Registration"
ENQUIRIES OR HELP REGISTERING ONLINE
E-MAIL: registrar@darleyjnrfnc.com.au

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FOOTBALL - U10's - U12's - U14's - U16.8's - Youth Girls
NETBALL - U11's - U13's - U15's - U17's

PARTICIPATING IN THE BALLARAT JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE
SIDE BY SIDE WE STICK TOGETHER

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.
Montessori Preschool

Open Day
176 Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh

Cycle 1
3 year old kinder: 9+hrs
4 year old kinder: 15+hrs
Toddlers
2.5-3 years: 4hrs per week
Early Learners
18 months-2.5 years
(Parent/carer stays: 1.5 hrs)

Limited spaces available for 2015

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.

**Admissions open for 2016**

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Tuesday 24th March 2015

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FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
2016

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French Cultural Exchange

Date: March – April 2016 (Bi-annual visit)

Overview:
After a short visit of Paris, students visit our sister school, Sainte Marie in the town of La Verpillière, just outside of Lyon, a major city in the south-east of France. During the visit students are accommodated in a home-stay with host families from Sainte Marie.

The following is an overview of a general itinerary that students follow throughout their visit:

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General information

**Departure Details:** Staff and students will depart Tullamarine Airport.

**Paris:** Students spend 4-6 days sightseeing in Paris at the start or end of the trip.

**Duration of Homestay:** Approximately 2-3 weeks with host families.

**Students Attending:** Preferably a selection of students from years 9 to 12

**Host Families:**

- **Home stay** - with families from our Sister School
- **Meals** – all to be provided by the host family
- **Passport** – a passport with at least 6 months before expiry is required
- **Travel Insurance** – the school has a global Travel insurance.
- **Alcohol and cigarettes are prohibited for all students** – it is expected that alcohol and tobacco is banned for all exchange students and host brothers and sisters.
- **Costs associated with activities that host families organise**
  - Host families generally will cover admission and other costs associated with activities organised by the family.
- **What are students expected to supply**
  - Spending money – for souvenirs, snacks, etc…
  - General stationery for classes
- **Duties for students in the home stay**
  - Be neat and tidy with regard to accommodation
  - Be part of the family
- **Sleeping arrangements**
  - For shared bedrooms - same gender only
  - Or if possible their own room
- **Medical issues, if required**
  - All students will have travel insurance
Whilst at school:

- **Students** will be attending classes when not involved in school organised activities
- **Dress code** for students at school
  - Appropriate casual clothing and/or our school uniform
- **Students travel** to and from school with the host sister/brother
- **School meals** to be supplied by the host family or school

**Associated Costs:**

The following costing estimates for students to attend are based on the following information:

1. Airfares and other associated transport expenses
2. Number of Students Attending:
   - Aiming at 15+ students to attend plus 3 staff
3. Costs including 2 to 3 weeks home-stay with a host family
4. Hotel accommodation for 3-4 nights in Paris upon arrival
5. General meals whilst in hotel accommodation.
6. General sightseeing cost throughout visit.

**Estimated cost per student:**

$5000 - $5500 dollars plus spending money.
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

We are asking parents to consider well in advance the possibility of your child attending an overseas cultural experience. This allows for suitable planning time for such a significant international expedition. Whilst this allows the school to be well prepared, with regard to travel arrangements etc..., this also allows families to enter into an agreement with the school for families to pay for such an expedition over an extended period of time.

This also enables students to prepare for their overseas travel and communicate with their proposed host families via the internet etc..., well in advance to ensure that the stay with the new family is successful.

Name of Student: ___________________________________________________

Current Tutor Group ________________________________________________

Year I would like to travel:       2016     –      2018    -     2020    (please circle)

I am interested in entering into an arrangement to pay the cost of the expedition by term instalments

YES / NO (please circle)

i.e. Year 7 student intending to travel in year 9 – could pay $500.00 per term over two years prior to travel. This will offset the need to find a significant amount in a short time.

Please note that if you decide not to attend an overseas exchange after you have entered into an arrangement to pay by term instalments, all payments will be refunded.

NB: Parents will be notified at all times when deposits are to be paid by the school for such things as accommodation, airfares etc..., as some booking/travel deposits are non-refundable.

Signed:(Parent/Guardian)___________________________________________

Date: _______________________

PLEASE HAND IN TO MISS BOURKEL (Office U) BY FRIDAY 13th MARCH 2015