FROM THE PRINCIPAL

One of the features of the Year 9/10 Program is that class time is kept as free as possible of interruptions for the majority of the term. Activities designed to broaden the curriculum have been concentrated into a period of a week each term.

In the coming week the first of the Year 9 groups heading to camp will leave and those who are at school will be involved in a city program, which will hopefully give them an understanding of parts of Melbourne they have not had a chance to experience. Formal notification of the nature of the program have been delayed (for which I apologise) but would ask for parents to be on the look-out for this correspondence.

Bacchus Marsh Coaches have been able to obtain an expert in aspects of advanced driver education. This training will fit in with the requirements of the trainer, and be conducted on the 24th and 25th March. There will be a possibility that some buses may be up to 10 minutes late on the morning runs (BMG Private service only) on those days. I apologise in advance for this disruption.

We are moving extremely quickly to the end of the term. I am constantly impressed with the range of activities that students are involved in and have access to. It is a pleasure to see such involvement.

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

19 Mar 15  SS House Athletics Carnival
19 Mar 15  Ride to School Day
19 Mar 15  VET Hospitality RSA Course 3.15-7.30pm
23-24 Mar 15  Yr 8 Community Service
24 Mar 15  JS Regional Swimming Carnival
24 Mar 15  Yr 7 Bullying Incursion
24 Mar 15  Year 9E Urban Experience Excursion
25 Mar 15  Year 9B & 9D Urban Experience Excursion
25 Mar 15  Year 9F & 9G Urban Experience Excursion
26 Mar 15  Top Class Music Excursion
26 Mar 15  JS Jeans for Genes Day
27 Mar 15  Prep Easter Bonnet Parade & Craft Morning
27 Mar 15  End of Term 1 – Earlier finish time JS – 205pm, SS – 2.15pm Busses will coincide with the early finish times.
30 Mar 15  Beauty and the Beast rehearsal
9 Apr 15  Deb Ball Holiday rehearsals: Ball 1 10.00am-12pm, Ball 2 12.30am-2.30pm
10 Apr 15  Beauty and the Beast rehearsal
13 Apr 15  Students & Staff Commence Term 2
16 Apr 15  Prep Excursion Werribee Zoo
17 Apr 15  JS Athletics Years 3-6
20 Apr 15  DAV Debating
21 Apr 15  JS Assembly
21 Apr 15  Year 7 Incursion
21 Apr 15  SS Cross Country
21 Apr 15  Year 8 Parent-Teacher Interviews
22 Apr 15  Year 9 & 10 Parent-Teacher Interviews
23 Apr 15  Deb Ball 1
24 Apr 15  BMPS5A Athletics Carnival
24 Apr 15  Deb Ball 2

BMG SRC Easter Raffle 2015

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.

Tickets - 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 the purchases name and a contact number. Prizes will be drawn at school and winners notified. The prizes being raffled are: Baskets of Easter Eggs.

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2016 Scholarship Program
Applications are open for the 2016 Scholarship Program

Year 7 2016
1 van den Hende Family Scholarship – 100% for 6 years. This Scholarship is only available to a current Grade 6 student at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.
3 Full (100%) Academic Scholarships (John Leaver Scholars) – 100% for 6 years open to current Bacchus Marsh Grammar students and external Year 6 students.
An Application Form and Information Sheet is available from the Main Office or the school’s website www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Year 9 2016
2 van den Hende Family Scholarships to be awarded – one of which will be Awarded to a current Bacchus Marsh Grammar student.
An Application Form and Information Sheet is available from the Main Office or the school’s website www.bmg.vic.edu.au

The Scholarship Testing Day will be conducted at Bacchus Marsh Grammar for external students only on Saturday 2 May 2015.

Cost:
Current Students: $50.00
Applicants who have submitted an Application for Enrolment: $50.00
New Students (not current BMG and have not submitted an Application for Enrolment): $150.00

Applications Close on Friday 17 April 2015
Please contact the Principal’s Personal Assistant Michelle Graham or the school’s Registrar Shona Hiscock on 5366 4800 for further information.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Next week is the last week of Term 1. During this week there will be a number of activities involving secondary students.

The key activities include:
Year 7: Bullying Incursion – Verbal Combat on Tuesday afternoon
Year 8: Community Service and Awareness program – all day Monday and Tuesday

Year 9
• Leadership Certificate activities – 9B, 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G – all week.

Year 10: Leadership Certificate activities – Monday Periods 3-6 and Friday Periods 1-5.

The week will be busy with students engaged in activities related to personal development and improvements in study habits and academic performance.

Jenny Jovanovic
Deputy Principal – Acting Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

End of Term 1 - Friday 27th March
2.05pm dismissal
All Junior School students will be dismissed at 2.05pm on Friday 27th March for the end of Term 1. This early dismissal time is in line with the bus network. The Learning Hub will operate from 2.05 p.m on this night. If you need your child to attend, please complete the enrolment form ASAP.

Junior School Co-curricular Program
The Junior School Co-curricular Program information handbook will be sent to parents towards the end of next week. Many co-curricular activities are currently operating, however, Term 2 and 3 see the introduction of teacher selected activities mainly in core learning areas. Class teachers will distribute letters with the booklet to parents of students who have been selected to attend specific learning groups. Any new students selected activities that students wish to attend can be applied for using the form at the back of the booklet.

Sports Hub-Term Two
Information and registration forms for term two activities have been sent home this week to Junior School students. Term two activities include:
Monday Yoga
Tuesday Circus Skills
Wednesday AFL football
Thursday All Net Sports

Sports Hub Day Dates Activity
Monday Monday 23rd March Golf and Games
Tuesday Tuesday 24th March Hockey
Wednesday Wednesday 25th March All Ball Sports
Thursday Thursday 19th March
Thursday 26th March Mini Spartan

Elizabeth O’Day
Deputy Principal - Head of the Junior School
**BMG HUBS PROGRAMS**

**NEWS**

The Learning Hub, The Sports Hub and Clubs.
For each of these programs it is important and the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the program coordinators if there are any changes to your children'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

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**YEAR 6**

**NEWS**

On Friday 13th March the Junior Leaders and Captains had the opportunity to attend National Young Leaders Day. Over the years the Halogen Foundation have been holding this day to encourage all young leaders to uphold passionate leadership roles and to strive to have all the skills and values to be amazing people. We learnt about how to be influencing and inspiring leaders and took in all the knowledge from four very inspiring speakers. They were Bindi Irwin, Andy Griffiths, Mike Martin and Jessica Gallagher.

For me the most inspirational and passionate speaker was Bindi Irwin. She has actively taken the place of her late father and is an inspiring Wildlife warrior. I love her passion for animals and how at only 16 she inspires the next generation of wildlife lovers and helps to protect every creature big and small. One of the most important things we should remember as a leader is that nothing significant, enduring or amazing ever began that way. Because we are still young we have fresh unique ideas and are not limited by anything. The world is our oyster and we can do anything we set our minds upon. It was an honour to be a part of this very motivational event!

Aaliyah Moosajee
Year 6

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**SS PP PRODUCTION**

**NEWS**

Currently in the gallery we are featuring colourful Year 4 ‘Matisse’ style apple paintings. These works are delightful and show the students understanding in colour mixing and showing form with shadows.

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

All lunch orders require the following basic information:
- Students' name
- Year level and Tutor Group/Class
- Lunch order
- Payment

*Where possible we ask that you provide the correct money with the order and under no circumstances will frozen foods such as icy poles/zooper doopers be included with lunch orders.

*No credit accounts are available at the Canteen.

**Term 1 - Wedges are available on Mondays for Junior students and on Tuesdays for Senior students ONLY.** If wedges are ordered on any other day a sweet-chili chicken roll will be substituted in their place.

All lunch orders require the following basic information:
- Students' name
- Year level and Tutor Group/Class
- Lunch order
- Payment

If any parent/guardian or grandparent would like to volunteer in the canteen they require a current Working With Children Check. All volunteers are required to sign in at the Administration Office each time they assist in the canteen.

Due to OH&S and Food Handling regulations all persons working in the canteen are to have closed in footwear ie runners. Thongs, sandals and open toed shoes are not permitted.

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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.

**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 welcomed. To any parent who is thinking of assisting in the canteen in 2015, 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.

**PFA NEWS**

**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 Chisholm 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 Whitten 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.

Symone Whiteway
PFA President
A number of current Parents/Guardians have lost or forgotten their login details for the myBMG – Parent Portal. Parents/Guardians may now request this information using the ‘Forgotten your password?’ link on the Portal login page. Parents/Guardians require their Debtor ID or Family Code and we must have a valid e-mail address for all contacts of students.

Parents/Guardians may update their e-mail address by contacting the school via:
- email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au
- or completing change of address/details form available on the schools website.

If current Parents/Guardians have any further enquiries they will need to contact the school on 03 5366 4810. The myBMG – Parent Portal is for Parents/Guardians of current students to access only. It is advisable that students do not have access to this service.

Luke Robertson

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

St Bernard’s Catholic Parish
Bacchus Marsh
Sacramental Program for children attending local government and independent schools within the parish of Bacchus Marsh, Maddingly, Darley, Coimadai, Parwan, Balliang & Balliang East, Rowsley, Myrniong 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

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
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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.
You’re invited to come and celebrate National Playgroup Week in Moorabool

Tuesday 24th March 2015
Bacchus Marsh Public Hall, 207 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

10am to 12pm

FREE EVENT

Activities for all abilities

Find out about Early Years Services in your area

Lots of creative play experiences and ideas!

For more information contact Council’s Playgroup Development Officer on 5366 7100 or via email earlyyears@moorabool.vic.gov.au