FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week large proportions of students in the secondary school have been involved in a variety of activities designed to complement or expand on the normal curriculum. These days are designed to build awareness in students and assist in the development of generic skills which are of use inside and outside the classrooms. Thank you to all those who have put so much time into organising the week.

It has been an extremely busy term and I wish everyone a safe and restful break. School will commence for both staff and students on Monday 13th April.

A reminder that school will finish at 2:05pm for Junior School and 2:15pm for Senior School on Friday. The following buses which run through the Melton interchange; Toolern Vale, Strathbullloch and Rockbank public services will be operating to the regular timetable on Friday and not an hour earlier.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES
- 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 Buses 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 BMPSSA Athletics Carnival
- 24 Apr 15 Deb Ball 2

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM – JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOL

Full (winter) School Uniform is to be worn from the beginning of Term Two.
Please check full (winter) uniforms over the term break to ensure that they comply with school regulations, to avoid any unnecessary consequences.

On days that are forecast to be unseasonably warm (greater than 25o) students may wear their Summer Uniform.

If your child is considering an “alternative” hair style, or extra piercings, please contact Mrs O’Day or myself for clarification on what is acceptable.

INTERIM REPORTS/PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Interim Reports for all students, Years 7 to 10, and Term One Descriptive Reports for VCE/VCAL students are to be posted home during the Term One/Two holiday break. Please refer to the Interim and Descriptive reports in relation to the concerns and advice as given re: studies and school work.

Parent Teacher interviews for Years 8, 9 and 10 will occur on the following evenings:
- 21st April - Yr. 8 Parent teacher interviews
- 22nd April - Yr. 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews
- 28th April - Yr. 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews

When making an appointment, do not book consecutive appointments for different teachers. Allow 5 minutes between each appointment – travel time from teacher to teacher.

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

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS
Friday 27th of March is the last day of Term One. The finishing time for students on this Friday will be at 2:15pm. All bus schedules have been altered to suit the early finish. Please make arrangements to collect your child from the bus stop at the earlier time.

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM TWO
Commencement day for students is Monday the 13th of April. Week Two of the Senior School Timetable will operate from the commencement of Term Two.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

End of Term One - Friday 27th March
2.05pm dismissal
All 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.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and hope that you get to enjoy this time with your family and friends. Have a great term break and hopefully students will be refreshed and ready for a busy Term two ahead.

Junior School Co-curricular Program 2015
By now you should have received a copy of the 2015 Junior School co-curricular booklet and if your child has been selected for extension or support programs, then a letter indicating their participation.
Activities for this program begin week 2, Wednesday 22nd April

Term Two Uniform Requirements
Students are expected to wear full winter uniform from the beginning of term two. Girls are expected to wear either their trousers or their skirt/kilt with black tights – socks are not permitted. All students are required to wear their school tie. If we experience unseasonably warm weather, days forecast to be 25 degrees or above, students may choose to wear their summer uniform.

Students are not allowed to mix and match uniforms. They must either wear full summer or full winter uniform. Please note that students are not permitted to wear black tights with their summer uniform or long sleeve t-shirts under shirts and dresses unless they are covered by the school jumper. In these cases students should be wearing full winter uniform.

Please note Junior School students are expected to wear their school jumper to and from school with their winter uniform, and from Year 5, their school blazer.

Holidays are also a great time to replenish your child’s stationery if required and also to check that your child’s haircut and style meets the school requirements.
Please refer to the school diary for further information regarding uniform and hair requirements.

Triathlon
Congratulations to the following students who took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at Eastern Beach, Geelong on 15th March:
Oscar Burt  Poppy Burt
James McDaid  Stewart Peterken
Harry Peterken  Matilda Worboyes

Sports Hub (Term1)

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Sports Hub-Term Two

Information and registration forms for term two activities have been sent home to Junior School students.

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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/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  
- Confirmations of absentees may be phoned through the main school number on 5366 4800.  
- email the Learning Hub via hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au

SCOLASTIC BOOKCLUB NEWS

BOOK CLUB IS GOING CASHLESS AND PAPERLESS IN TERM 2!

LOOP only from Issue 3  
Thank you to all the parents who ordered successfully through LOOP for Issues 1&2.

From Term 2 the school will no longer accept cash/cheque/credit card payments (online or phone) directed to the school. All orders must go through LOOP. Families may navigate to: www.bmg.vic.edu.au > Community > Scholastic BookClub and you can download the free app to your phone or order and pay via your PC.

Online catalogues only
In the interest of our sustainability program, printed catalogues will no longer be distributed to students. All catalogues are available for viewing online. Students will also be given the opportunity to look online during their IT time so they may show you what is available when you check out the online catalogues at home.

Book Club will promote via newsletter when the latest issues are available for viewing on the Scholastic website. If you wish to check out the current online issues go to www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/ and click on each booklet icon to get familiar with it.

Book Fair: We will still be holding our annual Book Fair early in Term 3.

Updates: Further updates on our new system will be posted early in Term 2.

Book Club wishes all BMG families a fantastic and restful break!

Di Dunn  
Bookclub Coordinator
**EQUESTRIAN NEWS**

The BMG Equestrian Team has been very busy over the last few weeks, with riders spread between Dressage Jackpots, Show Jumping competitions and Horse Trials!

Congratulations to the following riders

- Emily Woodland who placed 7th in Novice at the Ivanhoe Grammar Dressage Day.
- Abby McLean who placed 3rd overall in her class and Hannah for her efforts riding two horses at the Wandin Horse Trials.
- Grace Aldred for winning Reserve Champion in Preparatory, Brianna Aldred for placing 7th and Emily Woodland placing 8th overall in Novice and Emma Squires for placing 11th in Preliminary Secondary, at the Braemar College Dressage Jackpot.

Over the holidays, our riders will be preparing for the upcoming Tintern Horse Trials and Barwon Show Jumping day in Term 2.

Georgia Romaszko
Equestrian Co-ordinator

**SS PPRODUCTION NEWS**

**Free** Friday Matinee Dress Rehearsal Performance

The school will be offering a free limited seating matinee performance for the wider community on Friday 8th May at 12.00pm. **Tickets for this performance will only be available via the school from Monday 13th April and must be collected in person.**

To obtain tickets for this performance please send an email to the school email school@bmg.vic.edu.au with *Beauty and the Beast Friday Matinee* in the subject line or alternatively contact the school on 5366 4800. **Tickets will be distributed on a “request received” priority. Tickets for this performance will be available for collection from the school from Monday 13th April 2015.** The performance will be held at the Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 (03) 9243 9191.

**The Beauty and the Beast Production Team**

LOTE NEWS

The LOTE department would like to say a big thank you to the host families for hosting the Japanese students who recently visited our school. Without the support of our host families we would be unable to coordinate these visits. We hope you had a fantastic time and a wonderful experience.

Thank you again
Michael Love

Japan Trip 2015

Any students wishing to go to Japan should have paid a deposit of $500. If you want to participate in the trip the deposit must be made by 3.00pm, 27th March. This Friday. Deposits are to be made at the Administration Office.

There will be an information night on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm in the lecture theatre.

Michael Love

**ART NEWS**

**STUDENT DRAWING COMPETITION**

Students from Years Prep to Year 12 are invited to participate in a drawing/art competition for The Carroll Directory’s production of their 2015/16 Melton, Bacchus Marsh, Hillside Directory.

Students are asked to draw, paint, photograph (including digital art), anything that represents “community” to them. This could be local landmarks / buildings, local community events, people, businesses, schools, historical places etc.

A selection of the entries received from schools will be included in the printed directory, with reference to the student and their school. For those entries chosen by The Carroll Directory there will also be prizes ranging from $25 - $100.
All entries need to be received by 30th June 2015. Entries can be emailed (graphics@thecd.com.au), mailed (PO Box 999 Sunbury 3429), dropped off (46 Brook St Sunbury).

A group collection from school has also been arranged. Work may be dropped off to Mrs Kerambrun in Art Room W5 prior to Friday 12th June.

Happy drawing!

Mrs Kerambrun
Junior School Art Teacher

More details as follows:

STUDENT DRAWING COMPETITION DETAILS

SIZE: 2 to choose from
- Full Page (A4)  (210mm wide X 297mm high)
- Half Page (190mm wide X 120mm high)

Please note: These drawings may be reduced in size if required by us

MEDIUM: Pencil, pastel/crayon, paint, digital, photographic etc..

(Digital, photographic or any scanned emailed entries need to be a minimum of 300dpi)

RECOGNITION & PRIZES: Entries chosen by us to be included in the directory will be referenced to the student and school. There will also be money prizes between $25 - $100

DEADLINE: Entries need to be received by 30th June 2015. Drawings/art work can be scanned and emailed to us at graphics@thecd.com.au or mailed to us at Carroll Directory PO BOX 999 St Sunbury 3429 or dropped into our office between 9-5pm Monday to Friday at 46 Brook St Sunbury.

More details as follows:

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 4 is now available.

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

PFA

NEWS

BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR

PFA upcoming events.

Mother’s Day Stall
Wednesday 6th May
$5.00 gifts
$2.00 Handmade cards.

Mother’s Day Breakfast
Friday 8th May
7.30am-8.30am
Adults $15 Children $10

More details of both events will be sent home early next term.

Please note House drink bottles are no longer available for purchase. Thank you for your continue support. Have a safe and Happy Easter.

Symone Whiteway
PFA President

BUS

NEWS

End of Term Bus Arrangements – Friday 27th March
Attention Bus Travellers of the Toolern Vale, Strathalbyn and Rockbank public services. Please note that these buses will be operating to the regular timetable on Friday (end of Term 1) and not an hour earlier.

Kerryn Browne
Bus Coordinator

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.

Consent forms for the Premier’s Reading Challenge are due this Friday. Extra forms can be found on the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge website. Usernames and Passwords are expected to be distributed in the first week after school holidays.

Feona West
JS Librarian
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 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.

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

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

2015 Young Carer Scholarships
Over 105,000 young people in Victoria are believed to have significant care responsibilities. They may support their mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent at home because of a disability or illness. Many are at risk of dropping out of school, or have difficulty establishing social networks and participating in activities that their peers enjoy.
Carers Victoria’s Young Carer scholarships give young carers attending secondary school the opportunity to be acknowledged for their contributions to their family and the community and to participate in school or community based activities that enhance their skills, educational achievement and abilities, or that help them to participate more fully in their community.

Visit the following link for more information:

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

St Andrews Fete
Saturday 18th April 2015
St Andrews Uniting Church, Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh 9.00AM – 2.00PM

Activities include; Holden Car display, Rose and Geranium Show, BBQ, Jumping Castle, Face Painting and lots more.

Paper Plane Distance Flying Competition
Entrants will receive a sheet of A4 paper and then have 5 minutes to make a plane.

Competition Times:
Under 10 Years – 10.30AM
Under 15 Years – 10.45AM
Open Age Group – 11.00AM

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.