I would like to welcome all students and families to the commencement of Semester 2. A particular welcome to all new students and families, I hope your time at Bacchus Marsh Grammar is both enjoyable and productive.

At the end of last term the school competed in the ICCES Winter Sports Competition. The Winter Round-Robin Competition is one of the major events on the ICCES Calendar. It is only three years since we joined the ICCES competition and we have seen a steady improvement in our level of performance.

It was exciting and pleasing to see the school win a number of trophies in individual sports but more significantly be declared the winner of the aggregate shield, the prize for the overall competition. This is one of the school’s most significant sporting victory in a number of years and I would like to congratulate all members of teams that competed and staff that assisted and coached the teams over the two day competition.

What was particularly pleasing was that at the end of the first day of the competition we were placed approximately fourth in the competition and all teams and competitors came out on the final day and gave that little bit extra to improve their performance. This resilience is to be congratulated.

The result, pleasing as it is on its own, is also a demonstration of the change in direction and structure of our sporting program some years ago, the results of which are now bearing fruit in many areas. I would like to thank Mr Andrew Perks for his role in the development and implementation of this successful new approach. Again congratulations to all involved. A special assembly to celebrate the success of our competitors will be held on Monday.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

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School Photos 2015

BMG School Photos are scheduled for Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd July. School Photo envelopes have been distributed to students and are required to be returned to school by Monday 20th July. Students and families are reminded Full School Uniform (winter) is required to be worn. We would also encourage students to be well groomed and neatly presented including hairstyles to be in line with school rules as outlined in student diaries.

In addition on Tuesday 21st July the Group Graduation Photos for Year 6 and Year 12 and the annual group photos of School Leaders, House Leaders and SRC Representatives will also be taken for both Junior and Senior School.

Family Portraits will be taken at Recess and Lunchtimes only. It will be the responsibility of students to ensure they arrange to meet their siblings and attend during recess and/or lunchtime. Scheduled appointment times will not be sent out and please note that families who do not have a completed Family Portraits Envelope will NOT be photographed.

- Families with surnames beginning with A-H may be photographed on Tuesday 21st July (during recess or lunchtime only).
ART COMPETITION – DESIGN THE FRONT COVER OF THE 2016 SCHOOL DIARY!

Your Art Work could be on next year’s diary cover.

Junior School students can submit an entry for the Junior School Diary and Senior School students can submit an entry for the Senior School Diary.

Entries should be in Portrait orientation and be able to be adapted for the front cover of the diary – the dimensions are 17.5 cm width x 25 cm length

Any appropriate medium may be used eg. Photography, pencil, oil, ….

Entries close on Thursday 13th August and entries should be submitted to the Principal’s Office with the student’s name and class clearly visible.

A panel comprising of Ms Rawlinson, Mrs Todd, Mr Richardson, Mrs O’Day and Mr Neal will select the winner.

Good Luck!

SCHOOL UNIFORM – JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOL

Full (winter) School Uniform is to be worn in Terms Two and Three.

Please check full school (winter) uniforms to ensure they comply with school regulations. Kilt lengths are required to be at the knee. Students are to also ensure hairstyles and jewellery are within the uniform policy guidelines. These guidelines are included in all student diaries for reference.

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

PERMISSION FORMS AND NOTICES

With all activities and excursions organised by the School, students are supplied with a permission notice to inform parents of the nature of the activity and excursion. Parts of this notice are a permission and medical notice (when required) requesting permission from parents to attend or participate in such activities. Whilst one aspect of the notice is to seek permission, the other aspect of the notice is, for you the parent, to be aware of the types of excursion and activities that your child will be involved in.

The returning of the permission form is your opportunity to inform the School of any medical concerns regarding your son or daughter that may impact on such activities. To give staff the opportunity to appropriately collate and review notices, we will be requiring that all notices be returned three days prior to all excursions and activities, otherwise your child participation in these activities will be jeopardized. Please ensure that all forms and notices are returned promptly.

• All notices are to be returned to the Main Administration Office unless otherwise stated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would like to remind students that the school spray jacket is part of the sports uniform and as such is not to be worn with the full or summer school uniform unless it is raining and used to protect their School blazer, not instead of their School blazer. Students are not to mix sports uniform with the full school uniform and vice versa, runners are not to be worn with summer or full school uniform. The wearing of the spray jacket instead of the School blazer is an infringement of the school uniform and consequences will be issued accordingly.

Due to a significant number of students wearing whatever suits them in regard to School uniform, there is to be a reintroduction of the Uniform Pass.

UNIFORM PASS: All students, who are not wearing the correct School uniform, are to report to the Main Administration Office and collect a uniform pass. The uniform pass is valid for one day only (date of issue) – any student out of uniform without a uniform pass will receive a detention. Students will be required to fill out relevant details as to why they are out of uniform each day they are out of uniform. This information will be collated and reports generated as to whom, why and how often students are not correctly dressed.

Staff will ask to see the uniform pass of any student wearing incorrect uniform; this includes sports uniform, summer uniform items, etc… If a child is out of uniform and has not filled out a uniform pass, they will be issued an appropriate consequence.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be a very busy term. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and restful break.

School Photos
All students must be in full winter uniform for the school photos. The timetable for photos can be accessed on the parent portal however; Year 6 students will have their photos on Tuesday 21st July with the rest of the Junior School on Wednesday 22nd July. The only exception to this will be Year 5B who will have their individual and class photos on Thursday 23rd July due to Professional Development requirements for Mr McLaughlin. If your child had Phys. Ed. on photo days, then they are to wear winter uniform and bring runners to change into for their lesson. Phys. Ed. staff will adapt lessons to cope with this.

Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July

The Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday 28th July and Wednesday 29th July 2015 respectively. Interviews with your child’s class teacher, and specialist teachers if required, are to be booked online via the myBMG – Parent Portal available from the school website, www.bmg.vic.edu.au. Parents have already been provided with your log in details. If you have misplaced your log in details you can either request notification online or by phoning the school office on 5366 4800.

Online bookings opened on Tuesday 14th July and parents are able to book to see your child’s class teacher and specialist teachers if required. Interviews will be 10 minute duration. If you feel more time is required, parents are able to book a double timeslot. If you do not have the facility to book your interview times online, then you are able to contact Mrs. Fran Raynor on 5366 4800 and she will be able to assist you in booking suitable times for interviews.

Online bookings will close on Sunday 26th July. Students will bring home a letter stating confirmed times for interviews on Monday 27th July. We will attach a school map to the letter to enable you to easily locate rooms for interviews.

Venues
- Year 5 and Year 6 interviews will be held in the Multi-Purpose room in the F block
- Year 3 and Year 4 interviews will be conducted upstairs in the W block
- Year Prep –Year 2 interviews will be in Wilson Hall
As much as possible, specialist teachers will be placed with the year levels where they teach the most.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

PREP D ONLY
Monday 27th July 3.10pm-5.30pm
Tuesday 28th July 3.10p.m. – 7.00p.m.

Venues
• Prep D Interviews will be conducted in the classroom on Monday 26th July. Specialist staff will not be available on this night. If you wish to meet or speak with your child’s specialist teacher, an appointment can be booked on the Tuesday 27th July or Wednesday 28th July. Alternatively notify Mrs. Deller via your child’s diary and she will arrange a phone interview or a suitable appointment time for you to meet with the nominated staff member at a mutually convenient time.
• Tuesday 27th July Year Prep D interviews will be in Wilson Hall
As much as possible, specialist teachers will be placed with the year levels where they teach the most.
• Wednesday 28th July Specialist Teachers only - Mrs. Deller is unavailable.

Junior School Co-curricular Program
Please remember to ask your child to register at the Administration office, if they are required to use the late bus service. Alternatively, you may contact the office on 5366 4800 before recess, to register your child. Please note on the dates below when the program will not operate.

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

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS

NEWS

A kindly reminder to parents and guardians that the Learning Hub finishes at 5:30PM each night. We understand that everyone has busy lives but please keep this in mind. Extra fees may apply if you are late to collect your child/ren.

The Learning Hub, The Sports Hub and The Clubs Hub. 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:
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.

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The Hubs Team

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
NEWS

Issue 5 is online for viewing and LOOP orders. You can still place orders from Issue 4 catalogue as well. Orders due by Monday 3rd August.

Yes, Book Fair will be arriving on Monday 20th July for Book Looks only during the first week. Book Fair will be open for sales from Monday 27th to Friday 31st July. Each Junior School student will receive a wish list and a parent letter with Book Fair times and dates during their class time Book Look.

Parents/Guardians: It is not too late to volunteer at our sales desk at our Book Fair. If you would like to volunteer please contact Di Dunn at dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au

Di Dunn
Bookclub Coordinator

JS LIBRARY
NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes at the end of Term 3. Year P-2 students are reading Challenge books with their teachers in class and may also enter books read at home. Year 3-6 students need to enter the books they have read online. Usernames and Passwords were distributed in Term 1 to those students who returned permission notes.

Please note Year 3-6 Students only: When your child has read enough books to complete the Challenge, print off the list and sign it. Then send it back to the Junior School Library for verification. Once it has been verified, your child will have completed the Challenge.

BMG Narrative Writing Competition
For Years 2-6 only
Starts: 13th July 2015
Ends: 4pm 13th August 2015
Topic: Up, up and away!
Judges will be looking for creativity.
Late entries will not be accepted.
Let your writing skills shine!
From the Gym

BMG Mustangs Win ICCES Winter Tour!

I remember fondly in 1995 Bacchus Marsh Grammar won their first major Interschool Trophy, winning the Galway Swimming Competition at the Sunbury pool. Between now and then Team BMG Mustangs have moved from the Galway competition to the very strong and competitive ICCES competition. We have been members of the ICCES organization for three years and have shown gradual improvement in all major carnivals throughout this time. However, in the last two days of Term 2 and twenty years after our first Galway success the BMG Mustangs took a huge step forward in their development as a sporting team by improving from fourth place in 2014 to winning the 2015 ICCES Winter Tour Aggregate.

The first day of competition saw all teams battle with atrocious weather conditions and all athletes performed brilliantly considering the cold, the wind and the rain. After the first day Team BMG were placed fourth overall on aggregate. Day two saw an invigorated Mustangs Team outperform expectations winning three overall individual sporting shields and finish in medal positions in five other events. This along with all teams accumulating points over two days resulted in the overall Aggregate win from Girton Grammar and Goulburn Valley Grammar School. Final Team positions were:

1/ Bacchus Marsh Grammar
2/ Girton Grammar
3/ Goulburn Valley Grammar
4/ Braemar College
5/ High View College
6/ Hamilton and Alexandria College

Final Team positions in individual sports for BMG Mustangs were:
Gold – Senior Boys Basketball
Gold – Junior Boys Basketball
Gold – Junior Boys Soccer
Silver – Junior Girls Basketball
Silver – Junior Girls Netball
Bronze – Senior Girls Basketball
Bronze – Intermediate Girls Netball
Bronze – Senior Hockey
4th – Girls Soccer
6th Place – Senior Girls Netball

Thank you to the 126 athletes, 11 staff, 3 bus drivers and 1 school nurse who attended the carnival. A huge thank you to the staff who had been coaching and administering teams since day one Term 1, all the training and hard work certainly paid off. “We are more than a team we are a School”

Singapore Sports Tour 2015

On June the 29th, students and staff from BMG travelled to Singapore to attend the Singapore Sports School on BMG’s annual international sports training camp. Athletes attended a number of training sessions conducted by Elite International Coaches as well as sessions ran by BMG’s Elite Sports Staff. Athletes trained in a variety of sports including, dance, tennis, swimming, netball, soccer and strength and conditioning. The camp focused on:

• Introduction to Sports Specific International Training Venue
• Education on travel and being an elite athlete
• Preparation of the body pre and post flight
• Nutrition and training/ Competition in a foreign country
• Strength and conditioning when traveling
• Education and practical application of fatigue and recovery strategies
• The opportunity to attend specific dance workshops at a world renowned School.
• A cultural experience in Asia

All students had a fabulous time and trained extremely hard in challenging conditions, with temperatures being between 29 and 34 degrees Celsius every day. It was really pleasing to introduce a soccer component to the camp this year with the SSPS Academy feeding into the EPL and French League Junior Academy programs thus providing fantastic coaching and guidance.

Students also had the opportunity to enjoy the sights of Singapore, Universal studios, the Night Zoo, shopping and the Wet Wet Water Park. I would like to thank all students for their maturity and dedication to making the tour a successful and memorable one.

Personally I would like to thank the attending staff, Mrs Perks, Mrs Ogston and Miss Daniels for their professionalism and fellowship throughout the camp. Finally a big thankyou to both Mr. Neal who continues to support and encourage the sporting programs at BMG and to the Singapore Sports School and in particular, Mrs Michelle Lim and Miss Saleha Nur for her continued help and support with this program. We certainly look forward to another exciting camp next year in Singapore.

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**ICCES X-Country**

Congratulations to all athletes that have made the BMG Mustangs ICCES X-Country Team for 2015. The ICCES X-Country will be held on Wednesday August 5th at Bundoora Park, Melbourne. Events are scheduled to start at 11.40am and will conclude at 2.00pm. Students will travel from BMG departing at 10.00pm and return to school at approximately 4.00pm. All students have been given an attendance notice, training program and information about the event. Training will continue at school on Tuesday nights and Thursday lunchtimes. There will be a brief meeting with athletes after assembly on Monday 20th.

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**FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport/ BMG**

Congratulations to the following scholarship holders who performed brilliantly over the holiday break:

**Ben De Bortoli** — Ben continued BMG’s great history of martial artists by winning the Bronze Medal in Croatia. Ben fought in the Under 14 / 70kg weight division and by all accounts was extremely strong both physically and mentally throughout the tournament. This is a magnificent achievement ranking Ben 3rd in the World!

**Max Noble** — Max represented Australia at the 8th WKF Youth Karate World Cup in Croatia. He fought in the Male 76kg Kumite division and finished 7th out of 22 competitors.

**Joel Hennessy** — Joel also represented Australia at the 8th WKF Youth Karate World Cup in Croatia. He fought in the Male 70kg Kumite division and finished 7th out of 22 competitors.

**Mitchell Braiden** — Mitch won a Silver Medal and captained his team at the Victorian Junior Hockey Championships over the holiday break. Mitch also won the Best and Fairest Award and now turns his attention to the School Sport Australia Under 16 Hockey Championships in Perth in August.
Ronan Keleher Wins Gold at the Australian Open Taekwondo Championships and makes the Australian Team

Ronan Keleher of Year 7 recently won a Gold Medal at the Australian Taekwondo Open in Sydney only hours after getting his arm out of plaster from a break which occurred at a recent event. He won all his sparring contests dominating the final 16-4. Ronan has now been selected to represent Australia at the World Cadet Championships in Korea in August. What a magnificent achievement.

Our students continue to impress and inspire us all and as a school we can certainly be extremely proud of our young 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

MUSIC NEWS

BMG in Concert
Next Friday July the 24th the BMG Music department will be hosting a concert at the Geelong Performing Arts Centre. The evening will commence at 7:30pm and will showcase the talents of our Senior ensembles and VCE Music students. Tickets are on sale via the school website for $5. http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/news/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=217

Once purchased online print out your receipt to redeem tickets from Reception.

Dean Thomas
Director of Music

CAREERS NEWS

Please note the revised date of the VTAC Parent Information Evening is now on Tuesday 4th August from 6.30pm-7.30pm. Letters have been sent to parents and return slips are due back to the Main Administration Office by Friday 24th July.

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

PFA NEWS

The next PFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd July 6.30 pm. Please contact Monica for venue details on 0419 891 769.

PFA Annual General Meeting
The PFA AGM is scheduled for Monday 3rd August, 2015 in the Principal’s Conference Room, level 1, Administration Building at 9am.

Nominations for Positions are now open for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Current position holders are required to re-nominate if they wish to retain their position. To be eligible for a position, you must have attended at least three PFA meetings since last AGM.

Nomination forms are available from Mrs Michelle Graham, Principals Assistant. Nomination forms are due back no later than Monday 27th July. No late nomination forms will be accepted.

PFA Upcoming Events
Trivia Night
Saturday 8th August, $15 per person
Spaces are still available if you would like to join us. The PFA is seeking donations for our raffles if you are able to help out or know someone that may like to contribute to our great night.

Raffles, auction items, memorabilia so please join us for a fun night. Event and ticket information will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Golf Day
Sunday 25th October
Eynesbury Golf Club
Keep the day free, more details soon.

The PFA is registered and now part of Amart sports loyalty rewards program. Families shopping at Amart stores across Victoria may choose to nominate Bacchus Marsh Grammar as their community group and the PFA will receive benefits associated with this program. All prizes for the 2014 PFA Christmas raffle were acquired through this program.

Symone Whiteway
PFA President

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT NEWS

CAR PARK SAFETY

A reminder to all families that the South Maddingley Road visitor parking (in front of the Administration Building) is not to be utilised by students as a “Drop off and Pick Up” area between the following times:

Before School: 8.00AM - 8.45AM
After School: 3.05PM – 3.30PM

It is far too dangerous for cars to be reversing onto South Maddingley Road during the bus times.
We would also like to remind families that it is illegal to text and utilise mobile phones whilst driving and this includes within the School carparks. All drivers should have full concentration on their surroundings particularly whilst in School zones and near school crossings.

**BUS NEWS**

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**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.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

*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
The PFA will be hosting a trivia night to give parents, family, friends and the community an opportunity to meet via a social and fun event. Fundraising activities such as auctions and raffles will be held throughout the night with a few surprises in store. **The evening will be hosted by Mr Greg Wheelahan.**

The PFA and school would be grateful for support of donations or items which may be utilised on the night. Don’t forget to bring spare change as you may have to bribe someone for an answer.

**BYO alcohol, soft drinks and nibbles.**

**Date:** Saturday 8th August 2015  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Venue:** Wilson Hall  
**Cost:** Tickets $15.00 per person  
**RSVP:** 19th June 2015

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**BMG Trivia Night 2015 Ticket Order Form.**  
This event is for persons 18 years of age and above.

Youngest Students name:  
Class:

Contact name  
for table booking:  
Contact  
Number:

Number of tickets required:  
Total of money included:

*Please note all tickets must be paid for in full prior to issue. Payments may be cash, chq (payable to Bacchus Marsh Grammar Parents and Friends)*

Any Questions please contact Symone 0401136462
Sunday 19th July 2015
5-7 pm
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Gisborne Rd
Bacchus Marsh (Next door to McDonalds)
All ages welcome
(Children please bring an adult with you)

To find out more:
www.bacchusmarshanglican.org.au
or phone 5367 5362
Bacchus Marsh Grammar presents

BMG in Concert

Featuring the talents of our VCE Senior Instrumental & vocal students

Geelong Performing Arts Centre
July 24th, 2015 7:30PM

Tickets - $5 per person
www.bmg.vic.edu.au
Tickets available online only until Thursday 23rd July 2015 unless sold out. Tickets must be redeemed with receipt from Bacchus Marsh Grammar Administration Office. Venue issued tickets only accepted.