FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been pleasing to see and hear so many positive things about the Senior School Instrumental Concert Series that are currently in full flight. Music in the school continues to grow in line with the school's general philosophy of seeing as many people as possible involved in performance of whatever kind.

It was also pleasing to see wonderful results from students including Jake Pawar; 1st place, Cameron Richardson; 2nd place, Benjamin West: HM in various piano sections and the Glee Club's Honorable Mention at the Royal South Street Competitions. These old and distinguished musical competitions still attract enormous attention and competition. The competition provides a real performance opportunity for these students who have both been involved and experienced success at the event.

As we move closer and closer to the business end of the year for Year 12 students it is important that lines of communication remain strong between both parents and the school. I would ask that parents who have any concerns make contact with the school early so we can assist in maximising the way that students use their remaining weeks at school.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PHOTOS

Leadership Photos 2015
School Leadership photos are now available to view and/or order. The photos may be viewed in the Administration Office where Pre-Pay Order forms are also available. If you would like to order a photo and/or additional photos please indicate requested photos on the Pre-Pay Order form, from David Torrington Master School Portraits along with payment. Orders will be accepted at school until Friday 11th September.

Please note all Year 6 and Year 12 Graduating students along with Junior School and Senior School Captains and Vice Captains receive a copy of their photos from the School with their graduation photos. If you have any queries contact Cathy Perconte on 5366 4800.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for Students
The Victorian Government has unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. See page 4 for more information.
To minimise the spreading of Head Lice, we need to limit contact. When students play, they may naturally place their heads close together. Limiting contact by having hair tied back in a neat ponytail will assist in the minimising of contact.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 3/4 Hoop Time competition
As part of the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Co-curricular program, students have been selected to participate in our local ‘Hoop Time’ Basketball competition, to be held at Werribee Sports and Fitness Centre, 35 Ballan Rd, Werribee 3030 on Friday 28th August. Hoop Time is a series of one-day basketball round robin competitions held at local basketball stadiums around Victoria. The Hoop Time competition is run by Basketball Victoria and sponsored by McDonalds. The competition is scheduled to commence at 9:30am sharp with schools to be registered by 9:15am. Therefore the bus will be departing from the car park next to the oval at 8:40am sharp. Students will return to Bacchus Marsh Grammar no later than 2:40pm.

Life Education Van Visit 2015
As a part of our health education this term we are having the Life Education mobile classroom visit Year Prep – Year 6 students from Monday 31st August until Tuesday 15th September. Life Education is always a highlight in our children’s education and helps to facilitate the development of life skills in students. Lessons are age appropriate and the children will be covering a wide range of drug and health related topics, ranging from the human body and how it works, healthy eating and nutrition, medicines and drugs, bullying, resilience and social skills. Healthy Harold, the much loved Life Education giraffe mascot is always a much anticipated element of the Life Education visit. The sessions are fun, interactive and extend and develop the childrens’ understanding of the topics covered. We will be further broadening these topics in class both prior to and after the Life Education visit with the student workbook.

Sports Hub
I would like to remind parents of students who attend the Sports Hub that students are required to bring a healthy snack to eat while at the program. A piece of fruit or vegetable is ideal please no chips or lollies.
Junior School Co-curricular Program

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Please note that the academic co-curricular program that operates on a Wednesday after school will conclude at the end of Term three.

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

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS NEWS

Reminder for Sports Hub participants
All students who attend the Sports Hub program are reminded to make sure that they bring a healthy snack to have before we begin our activity. A piece of fruit or vegetable is ideal please no chips or lollies.

***Please also ensure water bottles are clearly labelled.

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.

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

*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 attend without a hat will be excluded from outdoor activities.

Sports Hub-Term 3

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Thank you from the Hubs Team.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS


BMG MYSTERY – Who has not claimed their Book Fair order?

Thank you to all the families who have come forward to claim their orders. We are still attempting to solve the mystery of the unclaimed orders listed below.

- Watch out below! 3-D Battle of the sharks (1)
- Loot: how to steal a fortune (1)
- Weirdo 4: Super weird (2)
- Large Posters: Dogs Rule!(2) & T-Rex (1)
- Small Posters: Kitten in a teacup(4)
- Spiky pens (order for 2 pens)
- Light up pointers: 1 purple

If your child has not received their order then please return either the slip you were given or a note via your child to Mrs. Dunn or Mrs West at the Junior Library asap. Apologies to those students who are still waiting for their order – they will be coming soon!

Di Dunn
Bookclub Coordinator

JS SRC NEWS

The Junior School SRC would like to thank the generosity of Bacchus Marsh Foodworks and The Dry Aged Meat Co for their donations towards our Sausage sizzle fundraiser held last Wednesday. Together the students raised approximately $2618.00 for the Loc Tho Pagoda Orphanage in Vietnam.

Thank you everyone for your support.

JS SRC
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.

Congratulations to the following students who have joined those who have completed the challenge; Brandon Knight 4B, Zara Tzanabetis PC, Kobe Shirra-Gibb 3D, Charlotte O’Connor 4D, Tristan Noorman 4A and Brydie O’Connor 6C.

Feona West
JS Librarian

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Tickets: Adults $10 Children $5
Family Ticket $25

Book Online: www.bmg.vic.edu.au
Book your tickets today so you don’t miss out

Please note there will be no ticket sales at the door

Mrs Jenni Coombs
Junior Musical Coordinator
SS SPORTS NEWS

“From the Gym”

ICCES Summer Competition
This year’s Summer ICCES Competition will be held in a round robin format tournament between Bacchus Marsh Grammar School, Braemar College and Ballarat Grammar School in Ballarat on the 21st October. Mustang competitors have been busy with selection and training for their respective teams that will include:

- Girls Softball
- Boys Cricket
- Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Tennis

The competition will start at 9.30am and conclude in Ballarat at 4.00pm. There will be more information to follow.

Elite Sport Applications Year 9 and 10
Currently on the student and parent portal there are application forms for students wishing to apply for The Year 9 and 10 Elite Sports Elective for 2016. All applications need to be accompanied by a coaching reference. Students will be informed of physical testing times via the student daily bulletin.

Singapore Sports Tour 2016
In 2016 Bacchus Marsh Grammar will once again be offering students the opportunity to attend a Sports Training Camp in Singapore at the Internationally recognized Singapore Sports School. This camp is aimed at students that are at a high level of sporting prowess in their chosen sport.

The camp will introduce and educate athletes to the demands of international travel, sports nutrition, fatigue and recovery techniques and individual and group training sessions. Together with the sports component of the trip students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a unique cultural experience in Singapore. Examples of sports students have trained in include but are not restricted to; Soccer, Netball, Swimming, Triathlon, Athletics, Martial Arts, Dance, Tennis, Basketball as well as all students completing strength and conditioning programs.

The camp will take place in the mid-year break from 26th June - 6th July 2016. Approximate cost of this tour inclusive of accommodation, flights, coaching, venue hire, sightseeing costs and meals will be $3000.00.

Invitations for students to apply for the 2016 Singapore Sports Tour will be placed on the parent portal next week.

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success
Congratulations to the following students who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

Elizabeth Nuspan of Year 8 and Sam Warren of Year 7 who both finished second in their respective age groups in the weekends South Australian Junior Cycling Road Tour. The tour was over two days and included time trials and road races. What a magnificent effort by our two budding road cyclists.

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

SS SCIENCE NEWS

See a report attached to the full version of the Grammar Weekly from the Science Team from Science Week celebrations – A night of Light @ BMG.

Diane Krosby
Head of Senior Science

SS DRAMA NEWS

See the attached flyer regarding Theatresports which will be held on Thursday 10th September at 6.00pm in Wilson Hall.

Helena Stratakos
Learning Area Coordinator: Drama

CAREERS NEWS

The latest BMG Careers Newsletter is available for viewing, read edition #11 for information relating to updates from tertiary institutions including a comprehensive list of 2015 Open Days. Edition 11 is now available for download at the school website under the ‘News and Events’ tab.

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners
**Canteen News**

**Printed Lunch Order Bags** - are currently out of stock. They are on order and should be available within 3 weeks. In the short term should you need to use a plain bag please include the following information:

- Students name
- Year level and Tutor Group/Class
- Lunch order

Canteen menus are available to view on the School's website under the community tab.

**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.

**Term 3 Menu**
During Term 3 the canteen offers soup and a bread roll for $4.50 every day. Soup is available for students in Years 2 – Year 12 due to safety reasons.

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.

**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 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.

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**PFA News**

**IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE!**
Due to circumstances the Father's Day Stall has had to change dates. It will now be Friday 28th August. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Father’s Day Breakfast**
Thank you to all families for your continued support the Father’s Day Breakfast is now **SOLD OUT** as we have reached capacity.

**Golf Day**
Tickets for the PFA’s Golf Day to be held at Eynesbury Golf Club on Sunday 25th October will be on sale via the School website [www.bmg.vic.edu.au](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au) from Monday 31st August.

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.

**myBMG News**

A number of current Parents/Guardian 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 4800. 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
Information Systems Support Officer
SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT
NEWS

CAR PARK SAFETY
PATIENCE MEANS NO PATIENTS!
We thank parents for their ongoing patience in the Main Car Park dropping off and collecting students each day.

YOUR PATIENCE WILL CERTAINLY HELP US PREVENT ANY STUDENT PATIENTS! Please continue to drive with great care and consideration, follow the directions of the crossing supervisor, staff members on duty and traffic signs and directional arrows as indicated. Remember the drop off zone along the footpath is a “kiss and go zone” and absolutely a no parking zone. You may not leave your vehicle parked unattended.

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 car parks. All drivers should have full concentration on their surroundings particularly whilst in School zones and near school crossings.

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.

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.

SS UNIFORM PASS: All senior 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).

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

Uniform Shop School Holiday Hours
End Term Three - Friday 18th September open 12.30 – 4.30

Week One – School Holidays
FITTINGS
Wednesday 23rd Sept  9am – 4pm
Thursday 24th Sept  9am – 4pm
Friday 25th Sept  9am – 4pm

Week Two – School Holidays
OPEN
Monday 28th Sept  10am – 2pm
Wednesday 30th Sept  10am – 2pm
Friday 2nd October  10am – 2pm

Begin Term Four - Monday 5th October 12.30 -4.30

"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 & ACTIVITIES

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program has been very successful for BMG and we have been able to gain valuable learning tools for Junior School classes.

If you shop at Woolworths you can help the school to build up points in their Earn and Lean support program. The school has again registered for the program and keen for the school community to jump on board with us.

Currently when members of the school community shop at Woolworths they may collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards available at Woolworths. There’ll be 1 sticker for every $10 spent*(excludes liquor, cigarettes, and gift cards.) Once completed, you can place your full sticker cards in Woolworths collection boxes located at your local Woolworths store or the main Administration office. The program will run until Tuesday 8th September.

You will be able to track our progress online at woolworths.com.au/earnandelearn. At the end of the program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much more.
BMG THEATRESPORTS NIGHT

Thursday, Sept 10
6 pm
Wilson Hall

Watch the fun as students from Years 7-12 compete in a series of dramatic improv challenges. Teams in crazy costumes find themselves in hilarious situations playing whacky characters. A riotous night of free entertainment!!
The Junior School Presents:

Disney

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

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Book Online: www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater

Book by
Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

Music Adapted and Arranged by
David Weinstein

Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

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Each year, Science Week gives us the opportunity to celebrate Science and how it has changed our understanding of the world & Universe we live in.

This year, with the national theme of Light, our major event was “A Night of Light @ BMG” on Thursday 20/8. This event was attended by over 600 people (parents, staff, students & their families), who had great fun exploring the wonders of light including Chemiluminescence and Bioluminescence and a large variety of hands-on activities relating to Light. Professor Peri Odic Table was a special guest and gave all children a glow-in-the-dark bracelet. The BMG Observatory was also open and many took the opportunity to see the Moon along with Saturn and its rings.

Many thanks to the parents, students and their families who came along to this event and to the staff who gave up their time to help this event to take place.

On Friday 21/8 we also had the Humpty Dumpty Challenge where Year 11 Physics students competed to build safety capsules designed to prevent eggs smashing when dropped from the balcony. Next year, this event will be expanded to include a Junior & Senior schoolwide competition.

Looking forward to and hoping you will join us for another big Science Week next year!

Raellie Patterson (Head of Junior Science) & Diane Krosby (Head of Senior Science)