I would like to congratulate the Year 12’s on the way that they have conducted themselves over the past two days as they finish classes for the year. Last night’s Valedictory Dinner at Etihad Stadium was extremely successful and I would like to thank all those members of the BMG Community who came to celebrate the successes of the Class of 2015. I am sure that I speak on behalf of the school in wishing them all the success in the next few weeks as they complete final examinations and work requirements for their various programs of study.

Work continues on the restoration of the gym. Electrical supply has been partially restored and it is likely that the first part of the building will be able to be used from Monday. I would like to thank Nam-Ha Quach for the work he is doing in moving this project ahead.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

SCHOOL LEADERS 2016
Throughout Term 3 Mr Cooper, Mrs Slater and Mrs Thornton have been interviewing our current Year 11 students for Prefect positions for 2016. This has proven to be a difficult task, having to make choices about who might be the person most deserved for the position. Especially when all the students have been able to display very good leadership qualities throughout their years at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Being appointed to a Prefect position is recognition of one, leadership qualities and two, participation in school events, throughout their time at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

The process was one of a written application, recommendations from staff, input by all VCE students and an interview. For any student who missed out on a position for 2016, don’t let this stop you from participating in and organising activities or events, as Mr Neal and I regard all Year 12 students as school leaders and will reward the efforts of any Year 12 student who makes a contribution to the school community of Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Congratulations to the following students:

Leadership Positions for 2016
School Captain: Keiren McKenzie
School Captain: Nicole Staunton
School Captain: Cameron Richardson
School Captain: Phoebe Hogarth
Vice-Captain: Jacob Micevski
Vice-Captain: Rachel O’Hagan

Academic Prefect: Brad Sawyer
Academic Prefect: Casper Soley-Howlett
Development Prefect: Angus Lovell
Development Prefect: Morgan Bowes
Languages Prefect: Jessica Cain
Languages Prefect: Emma Squires
Sport Prefect: Michaela Agius
Sport Prefect: Alex Galati
House Prefect: Adel Munro

IMPORTANT DATES
22 Oct 15 Years 10-12 Endeavour Engineering Exc
27 Oct 15 Years 5&6 Book Week Alpha Show Incursion
28 Oct 15 VCE Exams Commence
28 Oct 15 Vietnam Study Tour 2016 Information Session
11 Nov 15 Prep Reception & Prep Information Night
11-13 Nov Year 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill
16-20 Nov VCAL Work Placement
16 Nov 15 Year 11 Exams Commence
17 Nov 15 Prep Rec, Prep & Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
17 Nov Report Writing Day – No School Snr students only
18-20 Nov Year 4 Camp - Queenscliff
18-23 Nov Year 7-11 Exams
23 Nov 15 Year 8 PAT Testing
24 Nov 15 2016 Classes Commence – Head Start
25-27 Nov Year 3 Camp – Mount Evelyn
1 Dec 15 Year 6 Graduation – Lakeside Rec Taylors Lakes
2 Dec 15 Year 1 Day Camp Experience
2-3 Dec 15 Year 8E, 8F & 8G Duke of Ed Prep Camp
3-4 Dec 15 Year 8A, 8B, 8C & 8D Duke of Ed Prep Camp
3 Dec 15 JS Meet the Teacher Afternoon
4 Dec 15 Year 5 & 6 Coach Approach
4 Dec 15 JS Christmas Craft Morning and Year Level Performances P-4
7 Dec 15 Awards Day Years 9-11
7 Dec 15 End of Term Years 9-11
8 Dec 15 Awards Day Years 5-8
8 Dec 15 End of Term Years 5-8
9 Dec 15 End of Term Prep – Year 4
House Prefect: Kees Fong  
Music Prefect: Alexandra Hartley  
Music Prefect: Jayden Bullard  
Arts Prefect: Gabrielle Hunak  
Arts Prefect: Hollie Cassar  
Arts Prefect: Eleanor Armstrong  
Arts Prefect: Joshua Peska  
SRC Prefect: Georgia Devenish  
Master of ceremonies and SRC Prefect: Lachlan West  
Comm. Services and Sustainability Prefect: James Mathes  
School Connectedness Prefect: Emma Rosario  
School Connectedness Prefect: Cassandra Anderson  
Hospitality Prefect: Hannah Dunn  

Kevin Richardson  
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Colours  
Congratulations to the following students on being awarded their Junior School Colours:  
Yolanda Cordoba  Keeley Hardingham  
Joshua Lughermo  Connor Manning  
Brent McInnes  Paris Marsland-Kelsey  
Adam Micevski  Emily Mills  
Ella Philipps  Emily Powell  
Ruan Schilze  Aliah Short  
Claudia Short  Marnie Stanley

These students will be awarded their colours at the Year 5/6 assembly in the F block multi-purpose room at 12.30pm on Monday 26th October. Parents of these children are welcome to attend if they so desire.

Alpha Shows Incursion  
This year, as part of our Book Week celebrations, we will be visited by:

![Alphashows logo](http://www.alphashows.com.au/shows/aladdin/)  

ALPHASHOWS will be performing ‘Aladdin’. ‘Aladdin’ is an interactive stage show which will give the students a great story about that expands on the story to look at the power of truth and the theme of ‘manifesting your dreams’.  
ALPHASHOWS is one of the many companies that tours arts into schools. They specialise in bringing real, quality theatre to people who may not normally have the opportunity to see a full production musical. For more information, please visit [http://www.alphashows.com.au/shows/aladdin/](http://www.alphashows.com.au/shows/aladdin/)  
Each grade will attend the performance on Tuesday 27th October 2015.

2016 Study Tour to Vietnam and Cambodia

We are proposing to offer a study tour to Vietnam for students in Year 6, 2016 (current Year 5s.) We plan to conduct an information evening on Wednesday 28th October 2015 beginning at 6.30pm in Wilson Hall. During the course of the evening we will discuss aspects from our previous tour experiences, the proposed itinerary for 2016, discuss any concerns and distribute expressions of interest forms. We will also provide information regarding the relationship that has been established in Nha Trang at the Loc Tho Pagoda Orphanage and Charity school.

We understand before parents could begin to consider any commitment to such a program that there will be a wide gamut of questions and reservations you may have. This will be the prefect opportunity for you to have all these answered and discussed. It is also recommended that you bring your child with you to the information evening.

We believe this is an extremely exciting opportunity for your child, providing a very diverse cultural experience and encouraging students to imbue the traits of a global citizen. It is a prime opportunity for your child to be considered to participate, as there will be a cap on the number of students who will be offered this prospect.

We look forward to seeing interested parents and students at the information evening.

Changes to Orientation Day

Currently on the school calendar Orientation Day is set for Tuesday 17th November 2015. This year the following arrangements will occur:

17th November 2015

Current Year 6 students enrolled for Year 7 2016, will participate in the Year 7 2016 Orientation Day. More information regarding this will be forwarded to parents shortly.

All Prep Reception and Prep student 2016 will also have a full day Orientation on this day. Specific information about arrangements for this day will be sent to the parents of Prep Reception and Prep student 2016.

All remaining students currently in Prep to Year 5, 2015 will have normal classes on this day, and follow their Tuesday class timetable.

3rd December 2015

On Thursday 3rd December, all Junior School students enrolled in Year 1 to Year 6 2016 will participate in a “Meet the Teacher” afternoon from 1.30pm – 2.45pm. Students will be grouped in their 2016 classes and spend this time with their 2016 class teacher. Current students will return to their 2015 classrooms for dismissal at the end of the day. New students 2016 will be dismissed from Wilson Hall.

Current Year 6 students will have normal classes as timetabled for the afternoon of the 3rd December 2015.
Prep Reception & Prep Information Night
Please note that a Prep Reception/Prep 2016 Information Night will be held for parents on Wednesday 11th November 2015. More information about this event will be distributed early in Term 4.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Junior School Community

Prep 2016 Transition Arrangements
For children who have been enrolled in Prep for 2016 at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. As part of the transition process, your child is required to attend school during the times listed below. During these times we will be conducting testing with your child to enable us to know as much about your child as possible before the beginning of the 2016 school year. Your child will also be involved in some classroom activities and be encouraged to play and enjoy time spent with some of the other children enrolled in Prep for the 2016 school year. We also want to use this time to get to know you and your child, and to enable you to become more familiar with the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Junior School community.

Your child is required to attend the two sessions indicated below. We do not have the flexibility to change these session times. If your child cannot attend they will have an orientation day in November that will give them the opportunity to begin their transition. Please refer over the page for your child’s group and which room you will need to drop them off at. Also note the room which you will need to collect your child from as this will be different. Parents are not required to stay during these sessions. Please settle your child in the room and then leave after saying goodbye.

Session Times:
Thursday 22nd October, 2015 8:45am – 12:30pm
Thursday 5th November, 2015 8:45am – 12:30pm
Your child will need to come to school dressed in comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear. He/She will need to bring a hat for outside play, a snack and a drink. The staff who will be working with your child are currently working in Prep 2015, but may not necessarily be teaching in the Prep area in 2016. Information regarding your child’s teacher and class for 2016 will be sent to you in December/January.
In addition to these sessions, your child will also be required to participate in an Orientation Day on Tuesday 17th November 2015. More information about arrangements for this day will be distributed at a later date.

Please note that a Prep Reception/Prep Information Night will be held for parents on Wednesday 11th November. More information about this event will be distributed soon.

Deputy Principal - Head of the Junior School

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS
NEWS

Reminders for the Hubs programs:
• During Term 4 please make sure that your child has a named spare hat in their school bag to use at the Hubs activities. No Hat No Play
• Students attending Sports Hub are reminded to pack a healthy snack for them to have after school and a named water bottle.
• The Sports Hub will be meeting and basing ourselves under the shade cloth at the Amphitheatre on the oval due to the gym being closed.
• If your child is unable to attend either program please contact us via email or phone.

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

Sports Hub Term 4

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Please note:
The correct dates for the Year 3 Camp to Mt Evelyn are:
Wednesday 25th November- Friday 27th November 2015.

Elizabeth O’Day
Neighbours Place Food Train is at school for 2015!

The food train is here again in 2015 and BMG will be collecting donations of non-perishable items in support of The Neighbours Place in Bacchus Marsh. From Monday 19th October the JS & SS SRC teams would like to encourage students and staff to contribute to the “Food Train” from the Neighbours Place located in Bacchus Marsh.

ABOUT THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE - The Neighbour’s Place is a not-for-profit organization staffed by volunteers. The primary purpose of the Neighbours Place is to provide food assistance to those in need. Highly valued food items include: canned meats, canned soup, breakfast cereal, long life milk, dry pasta or rice, canned vegetables such as tomatoes, peas and corn.

The JS and SS SRC are aiming to collect at least 1200 items to donate to the Neighbours Place. This number represents one item from each family at the school so please jump on board the train and help those in need.

Nonperishable items are to be collected by class and tutor groups and brought to the Administration Office after AM Class/Tutor group.

JS & SS SRC

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS OCTOBER 2015

ISSUE 7 IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ONLINE
Orders due 27th October

This is a great time to start your early Christmas shopping!


Features: Star Wars books

Scholastic competitions:
- Win a signed rugby ball by Izzy Folau
- Win a signed cricket bat and ball by Glenn Maxwell


Di Dunn
Bookclub Coordinator

JS SPORTS

NEWS

Congratulations to Will Hudolin. Will has been selected for one of the Victorian Metropolitan Super 10s teams run by Tennis Australia. The Super 10s competition provides selected children with the opportunity to play other high performing 10u tennis athletes and receive ongoing feedback and insight from Tennis Australia’s Talent Development Coach mentors including Bill Bowrey, Ian Barclay, Tennis Australia’s Project Talent Leader Kim Kachel, Australian tennis icons including Scott Draper and Ash Naumann the new Victorian Talent Development Manager.

JS LIBRARY

NEWS

Harry Potter Quiz
For Students in Years 2-6 the quiz will be held in the JS Library at lunchtimes from 23-27 November 2015. If you are interested in participating, please Sign Up for this event at the Junior School Library by 23 October. Please note: the format of this event will depend on the number of interested students.

Feona West
Head of Junior School Library
Instrumental Music Program 2016
Letters have been mailed to all families who have students currently enrolled in the 2015 Instrumental Music Program. All students who wish to continue their instrumental lessons in 2016 will be required to re-enrol by completing and return the re-enrolment form to the Music Administrator Fran Raynor no later than Friday 30th October. If you wish to cancel out of the program the form must also be completed and returned by Friday 30th October. If no notice has been received by this date the School will assume that you intend to cancel your enrolment and your child will lose their current place in the program.

2016 Instrumental Music Program Confirmation
A formal letter of offer for the 2016 Instrumental Program for re-enrolment and new students who are currently on the Instrumental Music Program waiting list will be mailed to families no later than Friday 20th November 2015. The completed and signed acceptance form for the 2016 program must be returned by no later than Friday 27th November 2015.

Current and new students of school who wish to enrol in the BMG Instrumental Music Program for 2016 who are not currently on the waiting list are encouraged to visit the School’s website www.bmg.vic.edu.au and go to the Learning and Teaching tab to access the 2016 Instrumental Music Program Enrolment Form. This form must be completed and returned to school also by Friday 20th November 2015.

Parents are encouraged to contact the Music Administrator, Ms Fran Raynor, if they have any queries about the re-enrolment process, lesson format, instrument purchase/hire or any other general music enquiries.

Junior Instrumental Concerts
I would to thank all students who participated in our annual Junior Instrumental Concert Series last week. There was a fantastic display of talent during the concerts, and more importantly, willingness by students to participate and gain an invaluable insight into musical performance. Thank you to all of the instrumental music staff who work incredibly hard to ensure that students are as prepared as possible, and for helping to make performing a positive and enjoyable experience for those students involved. Thank you also to the wonderful support from parents, friends and staff throughout the concert series, providing great encouragement for our young performers.

VCE Arts Showcase
Last Friday, a number of music students provided some entertaining performances for the VCE Arts Showcase. I would like to thank all of the students and parents who participated and attended for helping to make the event a success.

Marsh Rodders Swap Meet
On Sunday 18th October a group of music students travelled down to Maddingley Park to perform at the Marsh Rodders Swap Meet. It was a huge car show event and a great opportunity for some of our students to perform to the public. The students were well received by patrons and performed several very professional sounding sets of contemporary pop and rock music. Well done to all students involved! Thank you also to Mr Bell, Mr Wrzaszcz, Mr Clare and Mr Westgarth for assisting on the day.

Dean Thomas
Director of Music

eSafety
The link below provides some excellent video resources for parents to help keep their children safe online. It is from the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner. Type the link into your internet browser and press Enter.
https://goo.gl/Rm46oW

eSafety for parents - Inappropriate content
Answers to all your questions about protecting children from harmful online content.

eSafety for parents - Online grooming
Answers to all your questions about protecting children from online predators.
**Careers News**

The latest BMG Careers Newsletter is available for viewing, read edition #12 for information relating to updates from tertiary institutions including a comprehensive list of 2015 Open Days. Edition 12 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 now available. Please remember to 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.

All lunch orders require the following basic information:

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

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*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 sandwich is given.

**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.

**myBMG Parent Portal**

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
The PFA is registered and 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.

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 carparks. 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.

Term 4 – Year 12 Notice
Year 12 students catching the Late Bus in Term 4 – Any Year 12 students who catch the Late Bus in Term 4 are required to pay $10.00 per trip to reception upon signing up for the bus.

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)

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
NEWS

Blazers for Year 5 2016
A reminder to parents of current Year 4 students to arrange a Blazer for their child for Year 5 next year. Students with their parents are welcome to come into the uniform shop to try on blazers and lay-by anytime during Term 4.
Senior School – Uniform Pass

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).

UNIFORM SHOP
NEWS

RUSHFORDS SCHOOLWEAR

“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

BACCHUS MARSH LAWN TENNIS CLUB

BACCHUS MARSH LAWN TENNIS CLUB is looking for junior players to fill a few gaps in their existing teams. The Macedon Ranges Junior Summer Competition starts on the weekend of the 16th and 17th October. The club plays at various locations each week including Bacchus Marsh, Macedon, Gisborne, Sunbury, Melton and Kyneton.

The club is seeking players for the following age/year levels
- Section C (grade 4-6 age group) that will play on a Friday night which is looking for 2 players.
- Teams that will play Saturday mornings looking for a player around a Yr. 7-8 age group

Anyone interested in joining the BMLTC for the summer competition should contact Michael Love via email at micklovebmltc@hotmail.com or 0432 307 261 after school hours.