FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to wish all of our Year 12 students who commenced examinations this week well. We all have every confidence that you will attack the examinations with your best endeavours.

I would like to congratulate all of those students who competed in the ICCES Summer Round Robin in Ballarat. It was a pleasure to hear both of our success across a range of sports but also the tremendous standard and spirit of goodwill that existed at the competition.

We often don’t realise how our behaviour when part of a group is both observed and commented on. I have just received a phone call from someone in New South Wales who was on the same flight as our students returning from Vietnam. The gentleman was so impressed by how polite, organised, mature and well behaved our students were and the wonderful rapport they had with staff he felt that he needed to take the time to contact us to ensure that we knew what others on the plane were saying. Well done to all involved!

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

Mid Term Break - Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 2015
Staff and Student Fee Day

Please note; due to the mid-term break there will be no newsletter next week.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Semester Two Examinations
Examinations for students in Years 7 to 11 commence on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} November. All students should be revising and catching up on any overdue work. Throughout the exam week, all Year 11 students are required to wear their correct summer uniform and attend school for exams only.

All students will be receiving their examination timetable in the coming week. At the completion of exam period for all students, they will commence the “HeadStart Program” an introductory program for their 2016 subjects. During this time Unit 3 students will in their 2016 classes completing work for their subjects for next year. Students will be required to wear their correct school uniform for this period of time. There certainly is no excuse for “I have no home
work tonight” from any student as examination preparation should be high on all students homework timetable.

Summer Uniform
With the onset of warmer weather some students are starting to mix their school uniforms. It is not permitted to mix the summer uniform with the full school uniform. Students must either wear their winter (full) school uniform or their summer uniform. In addition the wearing of runners with either the winter or summer uniform is not permitted. If for some reason alternative footwear is required runners may only be worn with the sports uniform.

As we are experiencing warmer days it is recommended that students wear school caps and/or the school broad brimmed hats to protect themselves from the sun and have a drink bottle for water. Students are permitted to take water bottles with them to class as re-hydration throughout the day assists with good work and study habits. Water fights will not be tolerated and offending students will be dealt with severely. Blazers are not required to be worn if the daily forecast is for a temperature of 30 degrees and above.

Kevin Richardson  
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Grade 5 Camp “SOVEREIGN HILL”  
Wednesday 11th November-Friday 13th November 2015

Year 5 students will take part in a camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. The purpose of this camp is to expose the students to a rich part of Victorian history. The students will spend two nights and three days exploring the award winning educational and tourist facilities.

On the first day, students need to bring a cut lunch and snacks for the day. Students may also wish to bring some money to purchase items during their visit. Staff will ensure there is an opportunity for students to look around the shops and buy appropriate items. We asked that money be limited to a maximum of $25.

The staff attending the camp will be Mrs Rachel Peterken, Ms Cat Baldwin, Mr Wesley McLaughlin, Ms Rebecca Adlam, Mrs Erin Bullen Mrs Mel Glen, Miss Lauren Majewski, Ms Antonia Neal, Mrs Nicole Farley and Mr Alex Ball.

We will be travelling to Ballarat by bus and will leave school at 9.00am SHARP. We will return on Wednesday at approximately 4:30pm. Please ensure you make alternative arrangements in the afternoon, as we will not be back in time for normal school buses.

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 2016 Transition Arrangements

Session Times:

Thursday 5th November, 2015   8:45am – 12:30pm

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.

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 soon.

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

BOOKLIST NEWS

Junior School Booklists have been distributed to students this week. Booklists are to be returned to school by Friday 20 November 2015. If for any reason you are unable to return your booklist directly to Ballarat Books, or use the web return option as stated on the booklist.

Year 7 and 8 Booklists have been distributed to students this week. Senior booklists are to be returned to school by Monday 30 November. If for any reason you are unable to return your booklist to the school by this date, you will need to post your booklist directly to Ballarat Books, or use the web return option as stated on the booklist.

Year 9 to VCE Booklists will be distributed to students next week.

Second Hand Books

This year the school will be using the ‘Sustainable School Shop’ for parents to list wanted and for sale second hand textbooks. An annual subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Bacchus Marsh Grammar.
To list or sell items simply:
Register on the Sustainable School Shop website: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

List Wanted and For Sale Ads (browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).

The school’s booklists are loaded onto the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.

Assistance is provided by the Sustainable School Shop to accurately price items.

Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.

We hope that this new service will be beneficial and convenient for all parents.

Michelle Graham
Booklist Coordinator

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS
NEWS

Dear Parents,
Please be advised that if weather is inclement Sports Hub will be situated near or in Wilson Hall. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Also please remember that we have a No Hat No Play policy so children attending the Hubs program must have a spare hat to wear outside.

Reminders for the Hubs programs:
- 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.

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:

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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JS SPORTS
NEWS

Congratulations to Flynn Trembath who played his first pennant game for Kooringal Golf Club at Medway on Sunday. Flynn had a very successful game.
**Neighbours Place Food Train is at school for 2015! Your support is needed.**

With the festive season fast approaching it is a timely reminder for us to think of those that are in need of a little help and support. The Junior and Senior SRC teams are seeking your support to grow supplies for the Food Train. The Food Train is a “supply builder” for the locally based Bacchus Marsh, Neighbours Place pictured below with our students.

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.

Last year the support for the Food Train was overwhelming with two ute loads of supplies provided by our school community. The JS & SS SRC teams would like to encourage students and staff to contribute to the “Food Train.” If each BMG family contributed one item each we could collectively donate over 1200 items.

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

**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

**MUSIC NEWS**

**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 BMG 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.

**Bacchus Marsh Horticulture Show**

On Sunday 25th October, numerous BMG Music students were involved in providing entertainment for patrons at the Bacchus Marsh Horticulture show. Thank you to those that performed, and also to the staff involved assisting on the day, Mr Wrzaszcz, Mr Bell and Mr Westgarth.

**AMEB Examination success**

Congratulations to Cody Pugh of Year 7 in achieving a B+ in his recent Grade 2 Piano for Leisure AMEB examination. A great effort!

Dean Thomas
Director of Music
**SS SPORTS NEWS**

“From the Gym”

**ICCES Summer Competition: Mustangs win Overall Aggregate in Ballarat**

This year the Summer ICCES Competition was a round robin format tournament held between Bacchus Marsh Grammar School, Braemar College and Ballarat Grammar School in Ballarat on the 21st October. The BMG Mustangs had a fantastic day across all sports and secured the Overall Aggregate win as well as some fantastic individual team sport wins on the day. This was a great result and comes off the back of their Winter Tour Aggregate win in Shepparton.

Overall team results were;
- Girls Softball – Year 7 and 8 - 1st place, Year 9 & 10 – 3rd place
- Boys Cricket – Year 7 and 8 – 1st place, Year 9 and 10 – 2nd place
- Boys and Girls Volleyball – Year 7 and 8 - 3rd place, Year 9 and 10 – 3rd place
- Boys and Girls Tennis – Year 7 and 8 – 1st place, Year 9 and 10 – 2nd place

Congratulations to all athletes that worked extremely hard in practice sessions leading into the competition and to the coaches who did a fantastic job not only on the day but also in the training sessions. A big thank you to both Ballarat Grammar School and Braemar College for supporting the competition and making the day a success.

**Singapore Sports Tour 2016**

The response to the Singapore Sports Camp, 2016, has been fantastic and we are really looking forward to the preparations towards the trip next year. Thank you to all who have signed up and paid their deposits. There will be a meeting for students in the upcoming week with students being informed via the daily bulletin.

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

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Term 4 menu change** - fresh fruit salad is available this term for $4.50 each.

**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.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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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 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 NEWS

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

PFA NEWS

Thank you to those who participated in the first PFA Golf day held at the Eyensbry Golf Course on Sunday. A great day was had by all especially the winning team. Hopefully we can run another successful day next year.

Symone Whiteway
PFA President

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...

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.
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 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

**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.