A builder has now been appointed by our insurer to commence construction work on the gymnasium. We have every belief that construction will be able to be completed over the Christmas vacation. Consideration is also being given to placing a consistent façade on the building when repairs are being carried out. I would like to thank the community for their support and patience over this difficult period.

Yesterday’s Orientation Day went extremely well and I would like to thank all those staff who played a part in ensuring that it was such a successful day. It was a pleasure to see so many eager new faces.

Arrangements for Presentation Events have obviously been thrown into some confusion. I hope to get back to you next week with arrangements for how the afternoon will run and more importantly where it will run.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

YEARS 8 to 11 EXAMINATIONS
Examinations for students in Years 8 to 11 commenced Monday of this week and will conclude next Monday, 23rd November. Any student who has missed their examination due to illness or otherwise will have the opportunity to complete their examinations throughout the following week.

ASSESSMENT TASK/ASSIGNMENTS
The coming two weeks are the last two weeks of Semester Two (2016 classes commence, Tuesday 24th November, Headstart). It is very important that students remain on task and complete and submit all tests, assignments and other assessment tasks. Staff will begin grading examinations, and assignments in preparation for the writing of Semester Two descriptive reports. Semester Reports will be collated and posted to families at the beginning of the Summer Holidays.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY
Tuesday, 17th of November was the Year 7 (2016) orientation day. Thank you to all the staff that organised events and activities for students to be involved throughout the day. It was very pleasing to see so many students enjoy the activities. Thank you to next year’s Year 9 leaders who attended and supported the staff and students, they were invaluable in giving direction and advice to the 2016 Year 7 students.

Thank you to the Music staff and students for their performance during period 6, highlighting some of the wonderful extra curricula opportunities that are available for students in the music program.

Finally, thank you to Sarah Hunter and Clare Ballard, The PFA and the hospitality staff for organising the students, staff, morning tea and lunch.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School
The Year 3 students will spend three days and two nights at “Mt Evelyn Recreation Camp” which is a camp located at the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges National Park. The camp is very well established in an excellent, safe bush setting and offers a wide range of activities, including initiative activities, animal encounters and environmental activities.

The students will leave Bacchus Marsh Grammar at 9.00am on Wednesday 12th November and will arrive back at school for normal school dismissal on Friday 14th November. Students will need to provide their own snack, lunch and drink on the first day of camp.

Christmas Craft and Performance morning P-4
On Friday 4th December the following arrangements have been scheduled:

Year Prep – Year 2
All classes Year Prep – Year 2 will have a Christmas Craft morning from 9.00am – 10.30am, to which parents are invited to attend. During the course of the morning each year level will be timetabled to perform in Wilson Hall, featuring a performance from each grade and also an item from the two choirs at these year levels. Specific arrangements and times will be forwarded to parents shortly, but performances at this stage of planning see Year 2 beginning around 9.00am, Year 1 around 9.35am and working through to Prep performances beginning around 10.05am.

Year 3 & Year 4
Year 3 and 4 students will have their performance times from 11am to around 12pm in Wilson Hall. All parents of students in Years 3 and 4 will be invited to attend at this time. Information will be sent to parents as soon as possible. After the performances conclude, parents of Year 3 and 4 students will be invited to return to the classroom to join in with some Christmas Craft activities until lunchtime-12.50pm.

Costumes
Students in Prep – Year 4 are asked to come to school dressed in Christmas colours on this day-4th December. Students may wear a Christmas T-shirt or brightly coloured T-shirt with shorts/skirt. They are to wear runners to school. Children may also choose to wear accessories such as Santa hats, tinsel, Christmas earrings and the like.

Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 1st December 2015
Taylors Lakes Reception Centre, Melton Highway, Taylors Lakes
Formal Proceedings will begin at 7.00pm sharp

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

Junior School Booklists have been distributed to students. Booklists are to be returned to school by Friday 20 November 2015. 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.

Years 7 to VCE Booklists have also been distributed to students. 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.

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

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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SCOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 8 IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ONLINE Orders due 23rd November

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


Features: Percy Jackson Ultimate Collection
Game On! 2016
Storey Treehouse Collection


Note: Issue 7 catalogue is still available to order from.

Di Dunn - Bookclub Coordinator

JS & SS SRC

NEWS

LAST DAY FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

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.

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

JS and SS SRC
LOTE NEWS

Host Families Required
The LOTE department is seeking families to host a Japanese girl/boy from the 5th-17th March 2016. If you can assist please complete a Host Family Profile Form which is attached to the full version of the Grammar Weekly online.

For further information please contact Mr Love at school or through his email lovem@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Michael Love

SS SPORTS NEWS

“From the Gym”

FedUni WestVic Academy Presentation Evening
Last Tuesday night at Federation University in Ballarat Mr Durham and I had the privilege of attending and toasting our fabulous elite athletes who have been scholarhiped to the BMG/FedUni WestVic Academy program for 2015.

Our athletes are at the forefront of the Academies achievements for 2015 with 5 of the 9 WestVic Athletes representing Australia this year coming from the BMG program (including World Cup, Oceania and National Medals). The Academy has had another stellar year with 89 athletes in total representing at National Carnivals and the Academy provided invaluable support for these athletes. At the dinner the Head of the VIS Mr. Paul Kitely spoke of the need for regional Academies to continue to work towards servicing regional athletes and providing the key athlete pathway to Olympic participation and he spoke of the enduring qualities that elite athletes have. BMG was lauded at the night for our continued support and special mention was given to Principal Mr. Andrew Neal, for his outstanding support of the FedUni WestVic program. We all now look forward to another successful year in 2016.

Fantastic Individual Athlete Achievements
Congratulations to Sophie McMinimee (FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport/ Elite Sport Scholarship) on her fantastic performances at the recent Victorian All Schools Athletics Championships. Sophie won a silver medal in the U/15 years 1500m and a bronze medal in the 3km race (which included a 23sec personal best). Ethan McMinimee of Year 7 also competed in the U/14 years 1500m and ran to a personal best time.

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 those that have signed up and paid their deposits. The portal is now closed and we have 22 keen participants for our tour next year. There will be a meeting for students at the start of the 2016 school year and students will be informed via the daily bulletin.

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Congratulations to Mr. Castrignano from our PE and Health Department who has been chosen to represent Australia in the upcoming Ultimate Frisbee Asian Cup to be held in Hong Kong. We wish a safe and productive trip and look forward to hearing stories from his first National representation.

Congratulations to Mr Durham and Mr Perks who have recently successfully completed their Post Graduate Studies in Exercise Science/Strength and Conditioning from Edith Cowan University. ECU is the preeminent University in South East Asian/Oceania dealing with Strength and Conditioning and I know that the athletes at BMG will benefit greatly from the staff’s increased knowledge and experience in this area.

Over the next few weeks I will be fortunate enough to be travelling with the Australian Olympic Badminton Team as a Performance Coach, in a series of qualification tournaments in Europe in the lead up to Rio 2016. During this time I will be working with coaches from around the world including the England Institute of Sport, Danish Olympic Federation, Derby Institute of Sport, Loughborough University and the AIS European Training Centre in Milan. I am really looking forward to gaining extra knowledge and experience with these world class athletes and coaches and transferring this knowledge onto our athletes in our Elite Sports Program next year.

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

CANTENE 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.

Menu reminders
- Banana BigM milk is only available in 600ml. The 300ml size is no longer available.
- “Fruit Fix” flavour is no longer available in the Focus water range. Lemonade, Blackcurrant & Raspberry flavours are still available in the range.
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.

HEALTH CENTRE
NEWS

SUN SMART and HATS
Bacchus Marsh Grammar would like to remind students and parents about being Sun Smart. Below is a link to the Sun Smart Website which has some very useful information, including the information about UV.

During Terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory for all Junior School students to wear a hat as part of their school uniform and sports uniform. Junior School students in Prep to Year 4 must wear either the wide brim hat or the bucket hat, Year 4 to Year 6 students must wear either the wide brim hat, bucket hat or cap.

During Terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory for all Senior School students to wear a hat during sport and Physical Education lessons. Students may wear either the bucket hat or cap, it is also strongly recommended that students wear either hat as part of their school uniform also.

Pictures of the hats and their respective costs are below:

Wide brim hat = $10.75

Bucket hat = $15.50

Caps = $13.00

As you can see the hats are not too expensive to buy and can help in the prevention of Skin Cancer.

Key messages to remember:

- Around 2,000 Australians die from skin cancer each year.
- Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world
- The most commonly diagnosed cancer among adolescents and young adults is melanoma; it accounts for more than one-quarter of all cancers among Australians aged 15–29 years.

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

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**PFA NEWS**

Due to the fabulous support from the BMG Community towards the Amart Loyalty Program the PFA will be running a Christmas Raffles as their final fundraiser for 2015. Raffle books have been circulated to families of the Junior school. Senior students may collect books from the Main Administration Office.

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**SAFE & 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.

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**BUS NEWS**

**Free “Country” School Bus Service:** Any students who travel, or are intending to travel on a free school bus in 2016 are required to complete an **Application for Permission to Travel** Form before commencement of travel. These forms can be downloaded from the Public Transport Victoria Website (a link is provided on the school’s website) or alternatively you can contact Kerryn Browne or Casey Ryder to request a form.

**Please note:** It is a Department of Student Transport requirement that these forms are completed and submitted to the school before travel commencement to ensure both administrative and emergency records are up to date. If you have already completed a form and no information has changed, you are not required to complete another form.

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**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**.

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**BMG PFA 2015 Christmas Raffle**  
**Tickets $1 each (book of 10)**  
**Tickets to be returned to the Administration Office by Wednesday 2nd December 2015**  
**Raffle drawn Friday 4th December 2015**

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.

Symone Whiteway  
PFA President
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).
SHIBUYA HOMESTAY - BMG HOST FAMILY PROFILE

Proposed Date of Visit: 5th – 17th March 2016

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Other general information.

Is there anyone else living with the family. (please circle) YES/NO If YES please specify.______________________

Will the student have his or her own room? (please circle) YES/SHARE

Is there anyone in the family who smokes? (please circle) YES/NO OUTSIDE or INSIDE

Do you have pets? Dogs/cats/birds/fish/rabbits/horses/etc. (please circle relevant pet)

Where are they kept? (please circle) OUTSIDE or INSIDE

Have you hosted before? (please circle) YES/NO

Have you had a recent police check? (please circle) YES/NO

Do you have a working with children check? (please circle) YES/NO Number_____________________

How do you get to school? (please circle) BUS CAR WALK

If by bus what is the name and/or color? ____________________________

Do you have a preference for a male/female host student? (please circle) MALE FEMALE

Any further information that may be relevant:

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##To be filled in by the coordinator.  Thank you for your efforts. Michael Love

Please return form to Main Office. Thank you.