FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Much attention today will be on last night’s draft selections for the AFL. Congratulations need to be extended to those individuals who have secured a position training with an AFL team. In this week’s Newsletter I want to speak broadly about the increased industrialisation of the process to move individuals from sport as a hobby and interest to sport as a profession. We all exalt students to live their dream for many this dream is professional sport.

For many children and parents sport has become more than a passion or interest it is seen as one of the most lucrative and glamorous of professions. An increasing large number of students see that a professional sports career would be something that they aspire to, often at the exclusion of other broader or academic interests. A recent Harvard survey indicated that 26 percent of parents of young children thought that it was a realistic option for their children to pursue the path to professional sport at the exclusion of other activities.

The reality is that a little over 1% of American College Athletes, already an extremely elite group, become professional athletes and most of those have relatively short careers. The same kind of relative statistics can be demonstrated for professional sports around the world. It is important that students are able to follow and do those things that they are passionate about. It is equally important that they are not given false expectations about the likelihood of things like playing professional sport either occurring or being the fairy tale existence that is often portrayed as.

Our urging to all is pursue that which you are passionate about, but equally, keep all your options open. Grow the whole child not just part of them.

I would like to congratulate Michelle Aquilina (Year 9) on being awarded the Australian Scout Medallion, the highest award in the Scouting movement. Michelle is a member and the Scout Ambassador for the 2nd Melton Scout Group. I have awarded her a Principal’s Award for these outstanding demonstrations of leadership in an area in which she is both passionate and excels.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR SCHOOL AWARDS
The Bacchus Marsh Grammar School Awards afternoon will occur as planned with the following details.

- The Senior Awards for Years 9 to 11 will be conducted on Monday, 7th December at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, commencing at 1:30pm and concluding at 3:00pm.
- The Senior Awards for Years 7 to 8 will be conducted on Tuesday, 8th December at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, commencing at 1:30pm and concluding at 3:00pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 26-27 Nov Year 3 Camp – Mount Evelyn
- 1 Dec 15 Year 6 Graduation – Lakeside Rec Taylors Lakes
- 2 Dec 15 Year 1 Day Camp Experience
- 3 Dec 15 JS Meet the teacher 2016 afternoon-1.30pm-2.45pm (3.05pm dismissal)
- 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
- 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 Year 3 & 4 Coach Approach
- 9 Dec 15 Year P-2 Athletics Fun Morning P-4
- 9 Dec 15 End of Term Prep – Year 4

Lost Property
Please check that all items of students’ clothing are clearly named: in doing so, items mislaid and taken to lost property will quickly be returned via class/tutor group teachers to their owners.

Please note that un-named property will not readily be released to students who claim ownership. Please clearly name your child’s uniform to protect your investment in its purchase. In the lead up to the end of the school year parents and guardians are asked to check their childrens uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another students property. Any items that may have been mistakenly taken home maybe brought to the Main Administration for distribution back to the correct family.

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Years 7 to 8 (2015) final day - dismissed at the conclusion of the awards.

- An invitation is extended to all parents to attend.
- Award recipients will be notified, enabling parents to make suitable arrangements for attendance.
- School buses will operate as normal – students will be able to make their way home after the Awards Afternoon.

All students are to wear their Summer or Full school uniform for this occasion. Students who are dressed in Sports uniform will not be permitted to participate.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following students who will be awarded their Junior School colours on Monday 30th November at the Year 5/6 assembly:

Lachlan Buzza   Jadon DeKuyper
Paris Marsland-Kelsey  Alexander Wright
Briana Stewart-Hatfield

Year 3 Camp
As Year 3 parents are aware, the Year 3 camp will now leave on Thursday 26th November for an overnight camp at Mt Evelyn. In addition to this we have arranged for the Year 3 students to attend a day camp at Lake Dewar on Monday 7th December. Information will go home with students today.

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

Year 1 Day Camp – Camp Lake Dewar Wednesday 2nd December
The Year One students will spend a day at “Camp Lake Dewar” which is a camp located at 339 Garrards Rd, Myrniong VIC 3341. The camp is very well established in an excellent, safe bush setting and includes initiative and environmental activities. Students will be participating in activities such as low ropes, rock climbing, bush cooking and bush art.

The students are able to wear suitable casual clothes for a day in the bush. Please be mindful that this is a bush camp, therefore runners are essential. All students will need to wear a hat and sunscreen to the camp. Sunscreen will be available for students to reapply during the course of the day. Students are required to bring a clearly named drink bottle for use during the day. Students may bring a small back pack is they wish.

The students will leave Bacchus Marsh Grammar at 9.00a.m. by bus on Wednesday 2nd December. We will be participating in camp activities for the day and we will have a BBQ lunch with the students. All snacks will be provided by the camp. The students will return to school for a normal dismissal at 3.05pm.

Meet the Teacher afternoon
All students will be involved in a “Meet the Teacher” afternoon on Thursday 3rd December beginning at 1.30pm. During this time, the class teacher for 2016 will conduct activities to allow students in the class to get to know each other, and also for the teacher, an opportunity to begin to develop a rapport with the students.
All current students will return to their 2015 class groups for dismissal at 3.05pm.

Meet the Teacher - NEW STUDENTS 2016
All new students are to sign in at the Administration building on arrival. Students will then be taken by staff to their 2016 designated classroom for the afternoon. New students are required to wear comfortable clothes with solid shoes for the afternoon.
New students may be collected from the Junior School Library from 2.50pm. If you have prearranged for your child to take the bus home, then a staff member will take you and the bus turn around in time for them to catch the bus. All students are required to have a bus pass which will have already been issued to your child for the day of travel. All bus enquiries should be directed to Kerryn Browne on 53 66 4800.

Coach Approach
Year 5/6-Friday 4th December – 12 noon – 3.00pm
Year3/4 - Wednesday 9th December – 9.30am-12.30pm
All students in Year 3 to Year 6 will be involved in a compulsory Coach Approach program.

Coach Approach is a specialised sports program where elite athletes come to our school and coach the children in selected sports. In the past, students have thoroughly enjoyed working with the athletes, with many of them having Olympic and NBL experiences. All activities will be conducted within the school grounds.
All children involved in the Coach Approach Program are expected to wear their full sports uniform on their scheduled day.

Christmas Craft and Performance Morning P-4
On Friday 4th December the following arrangements have been scheduled:
Year 2 Performance time 9.00am, Wilson Hall
Parents are invited to go straight to Wilson Hall at the start of the school day. At the conclusion of the Year 1 and 2 choir performance, Year 2 parents are invited to join your child in their classroom for Christmas Craft activities until 10.30am.

Year 1 and 2 Choir
Expected Performance time 9.20am, Wilson Hall
Parents of Year One choir students are invited to join us in Wilson Hall.
Year 1
Expected Performance time 9.40am, Wilson Hall
Parents are invited to join your child in their classroom for Christmas Craft activities from 9.00am. All Year 1 parents are to make their way to Wilson Hall – choir members at 9.10am; all other Year 1 parents at 9.20am. At the conclusion of the Year 1 performances, parents are invited to join your child back in their classroom for Christmas Craft activities until 10.30am.

Year Prep
Expected Performance time 10.00am, Wilson Hall
Parents are invited to join your child in their classroom for Christmas Craft activities from 9.00am. All Prep parents are to make their way to Wilson Hall at 9.50am. At the conclusion of the Prep performances, parents are asked to say goodbye and make your way home for the day.

Year 4
Expected Performance time 11.00am, Wilson Hall
Year 4 students will have their performance time at 11am in Wilson Hall. All parents of students in Year 4 are invited to attend at this time. After the performances conclude, parents of Year 4 students will be invited to return to the classroom to join in with some Christmas Craft activities until 12.30pm.

Year 3
Expected Performance time 11.50am, Wilson Hall
Year 3 Parents are invited to join your child in their classroom for Christmas Craft activities from 11.00am. Year 3 students will have their performance times at approximately 11.50am in Wilson Hall. All parents of students in Year 3 are invited to attend at this time. At the conclusion of the Year 3 performances, parents are asked to say goodbye and make your way home for the day.

Year 3 and 4 choir
Expected Performance time 11.50am, Wilson Hall
Parents of students involved in the Year 3/4 choir, are invited to stay and watch the year 3 performances, to enable you to see your child perform in their choir item.

Uniform Requirements for the Day
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 5/6 Award Presentation Ceremony
The Year 5/6 Award Presentation Ceremony will be conducted in Wilson Hall on Tuesday 8th December beginning at 9.15am. Parents of students receiving awards will be notified by mail, prior to the event.

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

BOOKLIST

2016 Booklists
All 2016 Booklists have been distributed to students. A reminder that if you would like Bacchus Marsh Grammar to return your booklist all Booklists must be received by Monday 30th November, after this date the booklists need to be submitted directly to Ballarat Books.

Year 9/10 Booklist
*English - Amendment*
Please note that *English I is Year 9 English*, if your child is going into Year 9 next year, please select these books. *English II (should be III) is Year 10 English*, if your child is going into Year 10 next year, please select these books.

VCE Accounting 1 &2, 3&4 – Amendment
The Workbooks for VCE Accounting were not included on the booklist. A note has been sent home to all parents/students advising of the requirements and Ballarat Books have updated their booklist accordingly.

A reminder that the Parcel Collection for Booklists will be held on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th January from 9:30am to 3:00pm. If you are away or unable to attend on this day it is strongly advised that you select the *prepay and delivery option* on the booklist. Booklists not paid for and not collected on the collection day will be returned to Ballarat Books.

If you have any queries in relation to the Booklists please contact me.

Michelle Graham
Booklist Coordinator

SECONDHAND BOOKS & UNIFORM

Second Hand Books and Uniform
This year the school will be using the ‘Sustainable School Shop’ for parents to list wanted and for sale second hand textbooks and/or second hand uniform. 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](http://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
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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**YEAR 4 CAMP**

Attached to the full version of The Grammar Weekly is a report and photos from the Year 4 Camp Wyuna.

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The Junior and Senior SRC committees would like to thank the BMG school community for supporting the “Neighbours Place Food Train” drive in 2015! Your support has again reminded us how fortunate we are to belong in this caring community.

JS and SS SRC

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**Host Families Required**

The LOTE department is seeking families to host a Japanese girl/boy from the to 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

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Welcome to all students participating in the 2016 senior school production of *Hairspray*! We have already begun dance, chorus and dramatic rehearsals and will continue to do so on Monday and Wednesdays (and some lunch times) until Monday, 7th December. Make sure you check the bulletin for up to date information. Next week, all members of the cast and orchestra will be receiving their “Hairspray Information Packs” to take home (stage crew will receive their packs next year). The pack contains important information and documents regarding students’ commitment to the show, so please go through this information carefully. The production team looks forward to wowing you once more with the talent at BMG.

Please note:

There will be a *Hairspray* holiday rehearsal next year on Thursday, 28th January at BMG from 10am-3pm. All cast members must attend. Please make sure you bring food, drink and any other requirements for rehearsal.

Helena Stratakos
Drama coordinator
**IT NEWS**

**Chromebook Matters**
We are nearing the end of our first year of Chromebooks at BMG and we have received a lot of encouraging feedback both from students and staff as to the positive impact the program is having on the student’s education.

We recently exchanged the current Year 8 and 10 student Chromebook with new devices as part of our ongoing management program. These students will keep these Chromebooks for the next two years. As students returned their Chromebooks it became very obvious which students are keeping their Chromebooks in the protective bags and those who are not. The Chromebooks not stored in their protective bags were badly scuffed and scratched. As these Chromebooks are to be given to other students to use, we have had to resurface these Chromebooks at additional expense.

The ICT department is also receiving a large number of Chromebooks brought in for charging each day. While there is no cost for this service, we do record student IDs and repeat offenders will be brought to account. Students must take their Chromebook home each night and fully charge the device. When at school, it is important that they turn the Chromebook off when not in use.

Students with Chromebooks are not required to return them at the end of the year unless the student is leaving BMG. Students are welcome to use the Chromebooks over the Christmas break to help them prepare for next year.

**Philip Pike**  
Director of ICT

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**YR7 Orientation Day**
I would like to thank the following students for their contribution to the Music information session held on Tuesday 17th November. It was a fantastic insight for next year’s Year 7 students into the Music program offered at BMG.

Juulke Castelijn  
Francis Quinal  
Dorothy Quinal  
Caitlyn DeKuypere

I would also like to thank Mr Steven Bell for his valuable contribution to the presentation.

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**2016 Instrumental Music Program Confirmation**
Completed and signed acceptance forms for the 2016 program must be returned no later than this Friday 27th 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.

**Co-curricular Music Ensembles**
Please note that all junior and senior co-curricular music ensembles will finish up for 2015 on Friday 4th December. There will be no rehearsals during Week 10.

All rehearsals in 2016 will commence at the beginning of Week 3, Monday 8th February.

**Dean Thomas**  
Director of Music

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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.

**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
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.

**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

**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**

**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.

**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.
Please note the last Late Bus Service for 2015 will run on Tuesday 8th December.

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

Dear families please note the correct phone number for the “on Campus” uniform shop is 5367 4072.
The lookout had amazing views of Swan Bay. You could see Swan Bay sparkling in the sun. (Adesh)
It was beautiful, calm, and blue. You could see the swans swooping and diving ready to gobble up the fish. (Khayle)

We had a really great time at the beach splashing in the water and playing on the sand. We played games and had competitions. (Keira)

The beach was so much fun, and it was fantastic digging up the sand and jumping over the waves. (Rebecca)

At camp, one of the fantastic activities was pizza making. The pizzas were delicious, with lots of toppings to put on the pizzas. (Laura)

On the Marine Biology Cruise, we got to pull up some tiny, amazing creatures from the bottom of the sea. We saw varying types of seaweed, crabs, sea cucumbers and got to see some big seals and a man-made fort. (Will)

When we were canoeing, we caught a type of Banjo Shark. It was so soft. The Banjo Shark was lying there and not moving. (Dakota)

The Queenscliff Fort was amazing. We got to dress up as soldiers from the Army, learn about the guns and buildings and learn about the trenches. (Sophie)
## Term Dates 2016

### Term 1 2016
- **Staff Day – ALL Staff Commence:** Wednesday 27th January
- **Yr 12 Day Camp:** Thursday 28th January
- **Yr 12 Classes Commence:** Friday 29th January
- **Yr 7 Classes Commence:** Friday 29th January
- **Prep Commence:** Friday 29th January
- **Prep Reception Commence:** Friday 29th January [8:45am to 12:45pm]
- **Yr 1 – 6 & Yr 8 – Yr 11 Commence:** Monday 1st February
  - Labour Day
  - End of Term 1
- **Year 12 Day Camp**
- **Year 12 Classes Commence**
- **Yr 7 Classes Commence**
- **Prep Commence**
- **Prep Reception Commence**
- **Yr 1 – 6 & Yr 8 – Yr 11 Commence**
- **Labour Day**
- **End of Term 1**
  - **Good Friday – Friday 25th March, Easter Monday 28th March, Easter Tuesday 29th March**

### Term 2 2016
- **Staff & Students Commence:** Monday 11th April
- **ANZAC Day:** Monday 25th April
- **Queen’s Birthday:** Monday 13th June
- **End of Term 2:** Friday 17th June
  - **Staff Week**
  - **Year 10 Work Experience Week**
  - **Monday 20th June to Friday 24th June**
  - **Monday 20th June to Friday 24th June**

### Term 3 2016
- **Staff Commence (1st Aid Training Day):** Monday 11th July
- **Students Commence:** Tuesday 12th July
  - **Mid-Term Break**
  - **Monday 20th June to Friday 24th June**
  - **Friday 12th August (no students – whole school)**
  - **Friday 16th September**

### Term 4 2016
- **Staff Commence**
- **Year 12 Examinations**
- **Students Commence**
- **Mid-Term Break**
- **Melbourne Cup**
- **Orientation Day**
- **Senior Students Study Day**
- **Awards Day & End of Term (Years 9-11)**
- **Awards Day & End of Term (Years 5-8)**
- **Junior School Concert/Last Day (Prep - 4)**
- **Staff Day**
  - **Monday 3rd October**
  - **Monday 3rd October (externally supervised at school)**
  - **Tuesday 4th October**
  - **Monday 31st October**
  - **Tuesday 1st November**
  - **Tuesday 15th November (Junior & Year 7 2017)**
  - **Tuesday 15th November (Senior School ONLY)**
- **Awards Day & End of Term (Years 9-11)**
- **Awards Day & End of Term (Years 5-8)**
- **Junior School Concert/Last Day (Prep - 4)**
- **Staff Day**
- **Staff Day**
  - **Monday 5th December (Years 9-11 only)**
  - **Tuesday 6th December (Years 5-8 only)**
  - **Wednesday 7th December (Prep – Year 4 only)**
  - **Thursday 8th December**
  - **Friday 9th December**

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**V:2 22/05/2015**
SHIBUYA HOMESTAY - BMG HOST FAMILY PROFILE

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

###Japanese Student name: ________________________________________________

Please write clearly.

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**Email address:**

**PARENT/S SIGNATURE:**

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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.*