FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In the last 48 hours a number of senior staff have been working on analysing results to produce Honour Lists for secondary school. This has been a wonderful experience and highlighted how many bright and hard-working students that we are fortunate to have at the school.

The Honour List is used traditionally to work out Award winners and Year Level Duxes. This year it has also been used as a significant component of calculating Annual Scholarship recipients. These sit alongside a small number of scholarships awarded for either six or three years at Year 7 and Year 9 which were offered for the first time earlier in the year.

When the nature of scholarships to be awarded by the school was considered, a clear desire was to ensure that those scholarships that were awarded were directed to individuals who continued to work at the highest possible level and that a significant proportion were directed to individuals who had already made a commitment to the school. Obviously no student will receive a scholarship if their attitude and behaviour is not appropriate.

To achieve this goal it was decided that the top three students on aggregate from Year 7 to Year 11 would be awarded a 100% Scholarship for the year following their result. In the case of students already on a part scholarship their award would be increased to 100% for that particular year. In the case of students achieving an equal result the proportion of the scholarship would be shared.

I have always believed that scholarships as a concept are an excellent idea but have struggled with some of the means by which decisions have been made between students in awarding them. This system rewards excellence and commitment, it doesn’t allow students to rest on their laurels, messages we want to reinforce to all students.

I will be very pleased to announce these new awards next week at presentation ceremonies.

This is the last Newsletter for the year, one that has been extremely busy but another excellent one for the school. I wish all members of the community a safe and restful break over the Christmas vacation.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

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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 children’s 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.

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.
  - Years 9 to 11 (2015) final day - dismissed at the conclusion of the awards.
- The Senior Awards for Years 7 to 8 will be conducted on Tuesday, 8th December at Bacchus Marsh Grammar Bacchus Marsh Grammar, commencing at 1:30pm and concluding at 3:00pm
  - 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.

I wish all students, staff and families of BMG a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to another busy and successful year in 2016.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Congratulations to the Year Six students on completing their Junior School years. Last night we celebrated together with parents and friends the last seven years of their schooling. I congratulate these students on a wonderful year. They have been a most cohesive group of students displaying talents in all academics areas and many possessing strengths in their ability to lead. I wish all the students every success in their secondary years of schooling.

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I would like to wish all the parents, students and their families a very safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

End of Year Arrangements

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 can 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 child to 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
Year 3 & 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 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 3½ 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.

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**Grade 3 Camp Day Camp - Camp Lake Dewar**

**Monday 7th December**

Year Three students will spend a day at “Camp Lake Dewar” which is a camp located at 339 Garrards Road, Myrniong, VIC 3341. The camp is very well established in an excellent, safe bush setting and includes initiative and environmental activities.

The students will leave Bacchus Marsh Grammar at 9.00am by bus on Monday the 7th December 2015 for the day camp at Lake Dewar. We will arrive back at school for normal school dismissal. Students will be required to bring a drink bottle, a hat and wear suitable camp clothes. Students will **NOT** need to provide their own snack and lunch as this will be provided by the camp.

**Year 5 and 6 Awards Ceremony - Tuesday 8th December at 9.15am in Wilson Hall**

Parents of students being presented awards were sent letters last Friday. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

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**Prep – Year 2 Sports Fun and Games**

All Prep to Year Two students will be involved in a Sports Fun and Games Morning, which will take on a similar format as the Athletics Carnival that was postponed, due to the constraints of the gymnasium. The Prep to Year Two Sports Morning will be held on **Wednesday 9th December**, the final day of the school year for Prep – Year 2 students, and take place on and around the school oval.

The Prep to Year Two Sports Morning will will commence at 9:00am and will conclude at approximately 12.45pm. Students will be required to wear their sports uniform, including their school hat. Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle, and has applied sunscreen before arriving at school.

Parents and families are most welcome to join us to support their children for Prep to Year Two Sports Morning.

Please be advised that dismissal on this day is at 3:05pm, however parents may sign their children out at the conclusion of the event if you so desire. **Parents must ensure that you have signed your child out with the relevant class teacher.**

Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at this fantastic Junior School community event.

**Elizabeth O’Day**

Deputy Principal - Head of the Junior School

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**BOOKLIST**

**NEWS**

**2016 Booklists**

All 2016 Booklists are now required 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 NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Year end is in sight and now is the time to consider buying and selling second-hand textbooks.

Sustainable School Shop provides the second-hand textbook trading system for the school. Our school’s 2016 booklist/textbook information for Years 7-12 has been uploaded and is ready to use on the Sustainable School Shop website. To get started, go to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and either register as a parent or log-in if you’re already registered.

Buying second-hand textbooks
Click Find Books, select your booklist, and tick the boxes of the books you need. The system will show you the correct second-hand books to buy. Click Member With Most Matches to see who has most of these books, or click Cheapest Books. You’ll receive Ad Match emails when newly listed books match your wanted ads.

Selling second-hand textbooks
Get your books home and list them for sale asap. Click Sell Books and follow the prompts, the system will assist ad construction and provides a pricing guide. Write the availability date in your ads if your books are still being used.

To sell books that are not on your old booklist, please click MyAds/Create Ads and follow the prompts.

Other tips
Searching for second-hand textbooks begins as soon as the new booklists are distributed. People with wanted ads always get first choice of the newly listed books for sale. Be mindful to price your books reasonably, this is a competitive marketplace. Don’t make special trips when collecting books, just fit it into your normal routine.

Only buy secondhand workbooks that have not been written in. Many book suppliers have very good returns polices that will enable you to continue looking for second-hand texts, even after submitting your new book order - check your suppliers returns policy.

Be considerate to others by delisting your ads promptly as your books sell - this assists everyone using the service. To delist, log-in, click the red Delist button and then the sold button on the right side of your ad.

Please remember, by recycling your textbooks you are helping another family in our school community.

We trust this is of assistance and wish you well for the coming trading season.

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS NEWS

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.

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 ARTS NEWS**

2015 Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society Show

It is pleasing to announce that Bacchus Marsh Grammar students received awards in the Homecrafts section at the 2015 Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society Show.

Regards, Chris Kerambrun

Congratulations to the following students:

**FIRST**

Grace Fisher
Hannah Conroy
Isabella Renda

**SECOND**

Georgia Chapman
Hannah Conroy
Isabella Di Mieri
Natalie Nason
Olivia Karcouskas
Tansy Seymour

**THIRD**

Abbie Buttigieg
Avalee Gauci
Che Maurihooho
Katelyn Taylor
Lily Thomson
Mia Wymer
Molly Lardner

**HIGHLY COMMENDED**

Aaliyan Moosajee
Abbie Buttigieg
Braden McDonald
Cleo Brennan
Deanna Rubino
Marnie Stanley
Sienna Faust

**SCHOLASTIC NEWS**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS DECEMBER 2015**

Thank you to all our BMG families who have supported our Book Club and Book Fair in 2015.

Book Club will return in 2016 in its current format and Book Fair will be back early in Term 3.

Book Club wishes all our BMG families a very Merry Christmas and New Year and a restful break.

See you in 2016!

Di Dunn
Bookclub Coordinator

**JS SPORT NEWS**

Well another year ends. We have had a massive year in the Junior School PE program and a lot to thank everyone for. Thanks to all the parents for supporting all our programs and for your understanding of all the changes throughout the year. We have participated and engaged in numerous programs throughout the year all of which we look forward to continuing in 2016.

We start the year with our swimming and athletics programs for Year 3-6 and continue on with our Cross Country, Jump Rope for Heart program, Bike Ed, Hoop time, Friday Sport, Elite Sport elective, Lunchtime and After School Clubs program, After School Hubs program and our Camps and Vietnam tours.

We have numerous students participating and achieving great things in all number of different sports and levels all the way from local level new teams to competing for Australia at world championships. Congratulations to all students for your ongoing achievements. Please remember to let me know so I can make sure that these achievements are recognised.

Thank you again for all your support for our Jump Rope for Heart Program the amount raised every year is astounding.

Please enjoy your break and make sure you stay safe, remember to wear sunscreen a hat or a helmet and get out and enjoy the great outdoors in a magnificent summer.

We look forward to seeing you all back again healthy and happy in 2016.

Rachel McMahon (Peterken)
Junior School PE and Camps Coordinator

**STUDENT NEWS**

I am an Ocean Youth Ambassador of the SEALife Trust Aus/NZ. During the year, all of the Ambassadors had to create a project/campaign that will help the reef from human destruction.

I created ‘Pump It, Don’t Dump It!’. This campaign is aiming to convince the Queensland State Government and Councils of Hamilton Island, Hayman Island and Daydream Island to implement pump-out stations. This is because there are only two pump-out stations in the Whitsunday area, none of which are on any of the islands (where all the boats spend their time) have to discharge their sewage straight into the ocean.

So far I have started a petition with about 450 signatures. On Saturday, I presented my campaign to the other Ocean Youth Ambassadors, parents and members of the SEAlife Trust. At the end of the night, the top 3 campaigns were
funded. I was fortunate enough to receive the highest amount of funding of $1,000 to make it happen.

From now, I hope to gain a supporting base through my petition. With the help from Sheree Marris, author of Melbourne Down Under and a Professor from James Cook University, there is the possibility of additional research. Finally, once I have a supporting base Claudette (founder of the SEAlife Trust) and I are going to fundraise to get me up to Queensland to speak in front of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Board.

Ultimately, the goal is to keep this campaign going until the three pump-out stations are implemented.

Caitlin Philipps
10E

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 PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

2016 School Production
The interest amongst students to be involved in the 2016 School Production Hairspray has been enormous.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar one of the key criteria that I have for productions is that as many people as possible are able to participate.

I have therefore decided that for 2016 there will be an additional production.

Hairspray will continue for students entering Year 8 through to Year 11 in 2016. A new production is being planned for students from Grade 5 to Year 7 in 2016. This has the benefit of enabling far more people to participate in a production and a greater number of significant roles in productions. It will also enable students new to the school particularly at Year 7 in 2016 to be involved in the performing arts program.

I congratulate all students on their interest in drama and performance and hope this expansion of the school’s commitment to involvement in drama and productions will see a further flourishing of this already vibrant part of school life.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

Prior to the end of the year all members of the cast and orchestra will be receiving their “Hairspray Information Packs.” Packs will be either given to students prior to the end of term or posted home pending their completion (stage crew will receive their packs next year). The pack contains important information and documents regarding all students’ commitment to the show, so please go through this information carefully. There will also be information regarding purchasing T-shirts and a DVD of the show if you choose to.

Please note:
There will be a Hairspray holiday rehearsal next year in January (date to be confirmed) 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

Chromebooks
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

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Program Acceptance 2016
All acceptance forms to secure a place in the Instrumental Music program for 2016 were due Friday 27th November. Could all outstanding forms please be returned ASAP.

Co-curricular Music Ensembles
Please note that all Junior and Senior co-curricular music ensembles will finish up for 2015 this 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.

I would like to thank all Music students for their contribution to the co-curricular Music program throughout 2015, and hope that their experience has been a rich and rewarding one.
AMEB Examination Success
Congratulations to Liam Anthian for achieving 98% in his recent AMEB Music Craft examination. A fantastic achievement!

Well done also to the 13 Bacchus Marsh Grammar Strings students for completing their AMEB examinations at the school on Saturday 28th November. Students were sitting various grades on Violin and Cello from Preliminary – Grade 5 level.

Thank you
I would like to make a number of acknowledgements in closing for the 2015 school year.

Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs Janelle Anthony who has made a valuable contribution to the BMG Music department over the last 5 years. She will be relocating to sunny Perth in 2016, and we wish her and her family well in their future endeavours.

I would like to thank the Music staff at BMG for their hard work throughout the year in ensuring that students are progressing towards the best of their abilities in their Music studies. They also work tirelessly to make sure that all performances held throughout the year are of the high standard that we have come to expect at BMG.

Lastly, thank you to the Music students and parents of BMG that have supported the Music program throughout the year. I look forward to seeing many of the same faces in 2016 and hopefully some new ones as well.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Dean Thomas
Director of Music

SS SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to Elizabeth Nuspan of 8G for winning the Team Time Trial (Vic Schools event) at Sandown on Friday 27th November 2015, representing Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

She was invited to make the team with Moama Grammar and Mater Christi College. This is a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to Caleb Noonan. On Sunday, 22nd November Caleb played in the Central Highlands Junior Masters Tennis Tournament held on the grass courts at Bacchus Marsh. In a closely fought final Caleb eventually took out the 14 and under Boys Junior Masters title in a tie break to defeat a top seed from Ballarat.

On the weekend of 27-29th November Caleb played in the Yarrawonga Junior Challenge hosted by Tennis Victoria. He was not seeded in the top 16 players among the 39 players entered in the 14 and under boys event but on his way to the semifinals he managed to defeat the No 4 seed and the No 12 seed. He played the No 1 seed in a semifinal but was defeated. In the end Caleb finished in 4th place. This win will significantly boost his current ranking.

Caleb will be playing in the Victorian Schoolboys Championships in the week beginning December 14.

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.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have given us time throughout the year. We along with the students appreciate all what our volunteers do for us in the canteen.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy 2016 and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Please note due to the end of the term and year the canteen is running out stocks of drinks, chips and ice-creams some items may not be available in the remaining days of term.

Kerrie, Leanne and Janine.

**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 school's 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**

On behalf of the PFA we would like to thank the school community for all their support this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

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 car parks. 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.

*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**

**On Campus Uniform Shop – Holiday Hours.**

**Last day for 2015**

Wednesday 9th December 8.00 – 12.00

**2016 Re-opening Hours**

Thursday 14th January 9.00 – 4.00 Book Pick up Day
Friday 15th January 9.00 – 4.00 Book Pick up Day
Monday 18th January 10.00 – 2.00
Wednesday 20th January 10.00 – 2.00
Friday 22nd January 10.00 – 2.00
Wednesday 27th January 10.00 – 2.00
Friday 29th January 12.30 – 4.30 Normal Hours Resume

Dear families please note the correct phone number for the “on Campus” uniform shop is 5367 4072.

**“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
An initiative of the Victorian Government’s Ice Action Plan for family members.

When: Sunday 6th Dec
At: 1pm to 5pm.
Where: The Laurels Community & Education Centre

Topic 1 - The Facts
• What is problem drug use? Why do people take drugs? What is ice? What are the effects of ice use - signs and symptoms? Stages of Change, How does treatment work? What are the treatment models? What can I do if they are unwilling to change their drug use?

Topic 2 – Family Strategies
• Drug Use and Mental Health. How do I approach someone about their drug use? Managing challenging behaviours and self-care for family members.

• Developing a safety plan for family members

Topic 3 - Help Seeking
• Service navigation. Seeking support, assistance and professional help.

Bookings essential: email fdh@sharc.org.au
Bookings: Family Drug Helpline 1300 660 068 (9 am to 5 pm)
##Japanese Student name: ________________________________________________

###Japanese Student Details:

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###Other general information.

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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.