FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome students, parents and staff to the New Year. In particular a warm welcome to new members of the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Community. We have had by our standards a relatively quiet time in relation to buildings over the holidays. There has been work on upgrading some senior school toilet facilities and the work on the repairs to the Gym have been completed.

I would like to congratulate all of those students who successfully completed VCE and VCAL programs in 2015. The Dux of the School was Raj Sharma (ATAR 99.4) who was closely followed by Joshua Zamperoni (ATAR 98.6) and Steven Aquilina (ATAR 98.55) who have been made Dux proxime accessit.

We welcome the following new members of staff to the school:

Narelle Bens  Junior School Teacher’s Assistant
Alison Cummins  Junior School Teacher
Luke Deery  Senior School Teacher
Zoe Erickson  Senior School Teacher
Leonie Hegarty  Junior School Teacher
Michael McIntyre  Senior School Teacher
Fiona Nice  Administration – Receptionist
Emily Rankine  Senior School Teacher
Nicholas Sin Sawrajen  Senior School Teacher
Angelica Todarello  Administration – Human Resources Manager
Sarah Wierzbicka  Music Teacher
Melissa Yuan  Senior School Teacher

Again, welcome back and I look forward to a busy and successful 2016.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program 2017

Information regarding the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program for 2017 is included on the School’s website www.bmg.vic.edu.au and on page 5 of the full version of the newsletter.

Valentine’s Day

Please note that the school will not be accepting any gifts, flowers or cards for students on Valentine’s Day. If a delivery arrives for a student, it will be refused.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

WELCOME

I would like to welcome back to Bacchus Marsh Grammar for 2016, all staff and students. It is very pleasing to see so many familiar faces return, as well as a large number of new faces across all year levels.
I would like to also welcome to Bacchus Marsh Grammar the following new staff members who will be teaching in the following subjects areas:

New Staff
Ms Nadelle KILEY  – Science
Mr Michael McINTYRE  – Commerce
Ms Jenna NICOLLE  – OES & Health and PE
Mr Nicholas SIN  – Science
Ms Zoe ERICKSON  – English & History and Geography
Ms Emily RANKINE  – Psychology & English
Mr Luke DEERY  – Commerce
Ms Melissa YUAN  – Information Technology

It is very pleasing to welcome back, from family and extended leave, the following staff members who will be resuming teaching duties in the following subject areas

Returning from extended leave
Ms Magali BOURKEL   - LOTE & Media Studies
Ms Victoria KAMCEV   - History & Geography
Ms Kate SCORPO  – Media Studies & English

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
Over the past number of years, there has been an increasing number of Senior School students who take advantage of the extra assistance offered by teachers at the after school tutorial classes offered on Tuesday and Thursday nights. These classes are to assist students in areas that they are having difficulties in. Tuesday nights, tutorial classes for Mathematics are offered, with English and Science tutorials occurring Thursday nights.

The after school classes are not for students to come and complete homework, if you need assistance then you are most welcome. The best use of these classes is for students to prepare for their tutorial classes, seek assistance with work that you have previously attempted, and/or are not sure of the understanding or concept.

The school library is open till 4:20pm each evening for students to come and study and research for their schoolwork. It is not a computer game playing room or babysitting facility to be used after school. The school library is available for all students to access computers, Internet and books to assist them with their studies. Any student who attends the library after school must be for study purposes only.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent Teacher interviews for VCE and Year 7 will be occurring throughout this term. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child’s teacher for an interview time that is mutually suitable. If concerns were raised and further discussion is required, please contact your child’s Year Level Coordinator and/or teacher to arrange a time for a more detailed interview.

Year 7 parent/teacher interviews – Tuesday 1st March
VCE parent/teacher interviews – Tuesday 8th March

Interview booking times will be via the School Parent Portal.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
I would like to remind students that the school spray jacket is part of the sports uniform and as such is not to be worn with the full or summer school uniform unless it is raining and used to protect their school blazer, not instead of their school blazer. Students are not to mix sports uniform with the full school uniform and vice versa, runners are not to be worn with summer or full school uniform. The wearing of the spray jacket instead of the school blazer is an infringement of the school uniform and consequences will be issued accordingly.

Blazers should now be worn regularly to and from school as the weather patterns appear to be cooling. If the temperature is forecast to be 30 degrees and higher blazers do not need be worn to school.

SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOUR
I must remind students that travelling on the school busses is a service organized by Bacchus Marsh Grammar and each students place on the bus comes with some expectations. Students should always travel in a safe and courteous manner. Being well behaved on the bus encourages a safe environment for all passengers and allows the bus driver to go about his/her job with a minimum of STRESS. Being loud, throwing objects, teasing others, vandalism, graffiti, etc..... is not being well behaved and students committing these offences will have to be dealt with. Students who are unable to behave in a safe and courteous manner will place their position on the school bus in jeopardy. Please remind your son/daughter of their obligations whilst travelling on the school busses.

All Year 12 students (school leaders by virtue of being in Year 12) have been appointed as bus captains to monitor student’s behaviour. The bus captains’ role is to be a point of contact for Junior School students who are having difficulties and act as role models for all students travelling on the busses.

On busses that have seat belts, the seat belt must be worn – as in any motor vehicle.

Parents are not to make contact with the bus captains, if there are any concerns regarding your child travelling on the school bus; please make contact with the Mrs O’Day or me.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to the new school year. A big welcome to all our new preps and new students across varying levels of the Junior School. I look forward to getting to know the families who have joined us in the Junior School and sharing with you, your involvement in your child’s education.

All students in the Junior School appear to have settled quickly into the school routine. If your child is having any areas of concern I would hope you are working through these with your child’s class teacher. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any queries or concerns.

Year Level Coordinators 2016
Mrs Vanessa Stainton Prep A and Prep
Mr Trevor Hilton Year 1
Mrs Belinda Rzanovski Year 2
Mr Brendan McLoughlin Year 3
Mrs Dani Kiriazis Year 4
Mr Travis Newton Year 5 & 6.

The Year Level Coordinators may be contacted at school on 5366 4800 or email school@bmg.vic.edu.au if you wish to discuss any issues regarding your child.

New Junior School Staff
I would like extend a welcome to the new staff in the Junior School for 2016:
Mrs Alison Cummins Year 4 Class Teacher
Mrs Leonie Hegarty Year 2 Class Teacher
Miss Bianca Gordon Year 2 Class Teacher
Mrs Narelle Bens Student Support

Returning Staff
Mrs Kim Richards

Junior School Leadership Positions 2015
Congratulations to the following students for their award of leadership for 2016:
Junior School Captains:
Malachy Walsh and Emelia TePaa
Junior School Vice Captains:
Emily Thistlethwaite and Eloise Driver
Junior School Sports Captains:
Oliver Morin and Jemma Collins
Bacchus House Captains:
Xavier Hasiotis-Welsh and Alexandra Smith
Bacchus Vice-Captains:
Harry Yianni and Sienna Faust
Hilton House Captains:
Connor Buttigieg and Isabelle Perry
Hilton Vice-Captains:
Braith Stainton and Zakary Yacoub
Braeside House Captains:
Cooper Shannon and Amelia Scolaro
Braeside Vice Captains:
Tom Pearson and Poppy Burt
Pentland House Captains:
Gyan Singh and Felicity McMahon
Pentland Vice Captains:
Jack Beeson and Renae Agius
Science Captains:
Grace Plecas , Ethan Wintershoven and Sara Sismanovic
Visual Arts Captains:
Isabella Renda, Ashley Siketa and Shelby Lowe
Performing Arts Captains:
Ellie Harris, Alana Keating and Charlotte Gowland
IT Captains:
Kairav Ahuja and Hannah Slee
Library Captain:
Daniella Camacho
Music Captain:
Madeline Wilson and Brayden Ludford
SRC President:
Emily Attard and Hayley Bidwell
SRC Vice-Presidents:
Anopaishe Mahwendepi and Grace Savage

READING - Parent Information Night
When: Monday 8th February 2016 at 7pm
Location: Wilson Hall
Agenda for the Information Night:
• Discuss the different reading strategies that students need to use.
• Share useful prompts that will help your child in developing these strategies consistently.
• The importance of promoting reading for understanding rather than decoding.
• Share fun and effective ways to read with your child.
• Discuss the importance of the reading log book.
• Provide an opportunity to ask questions about any concerns you might have.

READING - Parent Practical Workshops

When:
Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 8.45am (Prep Demonstration)
Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 2.15pm (Year 1 Demonstration)
Thursday 18th February 2016 at 8.45am (Year 2 Demonstration)
Location: Lecture Theatre
Agenda items for the workshops:
• Ask any questions about difficulties you might experience when reading with your child.
• Explore the different three reading strategies further and learn how to prompt your child to promote reading for understanding.
• Discuss the importance of reading the same book for multiple nights.
• Look at the difference between fluent, phrased and expressive reading.
• Learn to recognise what ‘good reading’ sounds like.
• Hand out practical tips and seeing a teacher model the prompts.
On Thursday the 11th and Friday the 12th February, the Grades 3-6 students will be participating in tryouts for our annual school swimming carnival which is being held at Melton Waves Swimming Pool on Friday the 19th of February. Results from these tryout sessions will determine which children will attend and participate in the Junior School Swimming Carnival. Due to the rising numbers of students we have decided to walk to the local Bacchus Marsh outdoor pool where all students will have the opportunity to participate in tryouts in their age groups for each of the four styles; Freestyle, Backstroke, Breast Stroke and Butterfly. The relays participants will be decided by the four fastest freestyle swimmers in the appropriate age groups. All students will walk down to the pool with their House for the half day event regardless of participation in the swimming. If your child does not wish to participate in the swimming events they will be still attending this event as a spectator.

Please ensure that your child brings an appropriate bathing suit and their sports uniform. Students are to wear full sport uniform to and from school, which also includes their school hat and sunscreen. Due to the amount of students we have decided to walk to the local Bacchus Marsh outdoor pool where all students will have the opportunity to participate in tryouts in their age groups for each of the four styles; Freestyle, Backstroke, Breast Stroke and Butterfly. The relays participants will be decided by the four fastest freestyle swimmers in the appropriate age groups. All students will walk down to the pool with their House for the half day event regardless of participation in the swimming. If your child does not wish to participate in the swimming events they will be still attending this event as a spectator.

** PLEASE NOTE……AGE GROUPS ARE BASED ON THE AGE THE STUDENT TURNS IN 2016.**

Some students will need to attend two tryouts based on their age group. For example a Year 4 student who turns 9 this year will be attending the Year 3 tryouts and will also attend the Year 4 tryouts with their Year 4 classmates.

Thursday 11th 9.30am – 12.00p – Year 3 – 8 / 9 year olds
Thursday 11th 12.00 pm – 2.30pm – Year 4 – 10 year olds
Friday 12th 9.30am – 12.00pm – Year 5 – 11 year olds
Friday 12th 2.00pm – 2.30pm– Year 6 – 12 / 13 year olds

Please ensure that your child brings an appropriate bathing suit and their sports uniform. Students are to wear full sport uniform to and from school, which also includes their school hat and sunscreen. Due to the amount of students participating in our swimming events, students will not be permitted to be collected from the pool and will need to return to school for normal dismissal.

**HUBS Programs**

**Learning Hub**
The Learning Hub Program operates Monday to Friday from 3.05pm – 4.30pm during the school term. Please refer to the School Business Notice for further details about the program. Mrs Judith Clark oversees the Learning Hub and Sports Hub on a nightly basis. Mrs. Donna Blake is the Learning Hub Coordinator; Lauren Majewski is the Sports Hub Coordinator.

A reminder to parents that if your child is booked into the Learning or Sport Hub and circumstances change during the course of the day, please notify the administration office to ensure that we are not calling you and searching for your child at the end of the school day. If your child is a regular at the Learning Hub and is not attending on a specific night, this needs to be noted in your child’s diary or at the Administration Centre.

If you require your child to join the Learning Hub program, bookings must be received by 9.30am at Reception on the day required. Bookings will then need to be confirmed subject to availability.

Please note that you are no longer able to claim CCB rebates for this program.

**The Learning Hub contact number is 0408 548 058**
The Learning Hub now operates from Rooms L6 and 7. These rooms are located adjacent to the basketball court near the gymnasium. If students are participating in activities in other areas of the school, a note will be left on the door to direct parents to the activity area.

**Sports Hub**
Information about this program has been distributed. The program is open to all Junior School students and operates on Monday to Thursday afternoon for the remainder of the term beginning Monday 8th February. The program runs from 3.05pm-4.30pm. Bookings must be made on the parent portal. There is a $25 fee associated per child per sport for the 2016 program. This fee is non-refundable.

The sports offered are:
Monday Anything Goes
Tuesday Athletics
Wednesday Basketball
Thursday Net and Racquet Games

**CLUB Hub** will also operate this year. Information was sent home yesterday.

**CLUB HUBS activities include:**
Netball, Cycling, Triathlon and Equestrian

**Nuts and Nut Products**
At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we have a growing number of students who have been identified with anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction particularly to nuts and nut products. In the interest of the safety of all students in our school, it is necessary that we ban students from bringing peanut butter sandwiches/rolls/biscuits and snack bags of nuts to school for snack or lunch. It would also be appreciated if parents could be careful in selecting food with nuts listed as an ingredient for their child’s lunchbox.

**Junior School Adventure Playgrounds**
The Junior School Adventure Playgrounds are OUT OF BOUNDS at all times before and after school. I ask parents to please not allow any students or toddlers to use this equipment during the hours of 8.15a.m. - 9.00a.m., and 3.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. These areas are not supervised by staff during these times. Any student using the play equipment during these times will be administered with a lunchtime detention.

**Uniform and Hair Regulations**
I encourage all parents to become familiar with the Uniform and Hair regulations published in your child’s diary. Some students have started back without attending to their hair. From next week class teachers and the Year Level coordinators will be conducting uniform and hair and jewellery checks. Students with issues that need attention will be administered with notification of what is required.
Students will be required to rectify the problem promptly to avoid further consequences.

Please note as per the student diary that it is preferred that runners reflect the school colours of black, white, gold or blue however, we understand the growing difficulty in obtaining these. Fluorescent colours are strongly discouraged.

Working With Children Check
It is a legal requirement that any person who works or voluntarily assists within the school environment has a Working with Children Check. Thank you to the parents who have already presented their Working with Children Check Card at the school office for inclusion on the school data base. Unfortunately we cannot allow helpers to assist with the children until your name is included on the school register. If you haven’t already done so, please present your Working with Children Check Card to Michelle Graham in the Principal’s office to ensure you are registered.

Working with Children Check application forms are available online.

For current parents it is wise to check that your Working with Children Check is still valid.

Infectious Disease and Head Lice
It is imperative that cases of infectious disease are reported to your child’s class teacher and to Jo Stanley in the Health Centre as soon as parents become aware of the illness. This includes cases of chicken pox, measles and the like. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

All cases of head lice with students also need to be reported to the Health Centre or your child’s class teacher to enable us to monitor this closely in the Junior School. All children will be checked by our school nurse and first aid staff in cases of reports of head lice. Children in the same class of the child who has been infected with head lice will be checked by the Health Centre staff.

Pets and School
Due to the number of students with allergies to various animals, students are not permitted to bring pets to school for their show and tell times.

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Scholarship Program 2017
Year 7 2017
- 1 van den Hende Family Scholarship – 100% for 6 years. This Scholarship is only available to a current Grade 6 student at BMG.
- 3 Full (100%) Academic Scholarships (John Leaver Scholars) – 100% for 6 years open to current BMG students and external Year 6 students.

To apply for the Year 7 van den Hende Family Scholarship or one of the Year 7 John Leaver Scholar Scholarships the following is required:

- Portfolio Application (available from the Main Administration Office with appropriate payment)
- Demonstrate high academic performance
- Demonstrate exemplary school reports
- Demonstrated willingness to undertake a leadership role in their current school or organisation.

Demonstrate the development of a skill/aptitude at the highest level in either:
- Sport – representative at regional levels as a minimum in a chosen sport
- Music – successful completion of AMEB Level 3 as a minimum in a chosen instrument/voice.
- A significant ongoing time commitment with a major recognised charity or social group.
Testing
All current Year 6 students are tested as part of the curriculum. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is not required.

Applicants for Year 7 2017 will be tested as part of the enrolment process on 5 March 2016. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is not required.

New students who have not submitted an Application for Enrolment will be tested at Bacchus Marsh Grammar on Saturday 16 April 2016. Further information regarding the venue at will be advised upon payment and submission of the Portfolio.

Payment
No Scholarship Application will be processed until the Scholarship Payment has been made and the Portfolio Application has been completed.

Current Students: $50.00
Applicants for Year 7 2017: $50.00
New students (not current at BMG and have not submitted an Application for Enrolment): $150.00

Year 9 2017
2 van den Hende Family Scholarships to be awarded – one of which will be Awarded to a current Bacchus Marsh Grammar student.

To apply for the Year 9 van den Hende Family Scholarship the following is required:

Requirements:
- Portfolio Application (available from the Main Administration Office)
- Demonstrate high academic performance
- Demonstrate exemplary school reports
- Demonstrated willingness to undertake a leadership role in their current school or organisation.

Demonstrate the development of a skill/aptitude at the highest level in either:
- Sport – representative at regional levels as a minimum in a chosen sport
- Music – successful completion of AMEB Level 3 as a minimum chosen in a chosen instrument/voice.
- A significant ongoing time commitment with a major recognised charity or social group.

Testing
All current Year 8 (for Year 9 2017) students are tested as part of the curriculum. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is not required.

New students to Bacchus Marsh Grammar - both Applicants and those who have not submitted an Application for Enrolment will be tested at Bacchus Marsh Grammar on Saturday 16 April 2016. Further information regarding the venue at will be advised upon payment and submission of the Portfolio.

Payment
No Scholarship Application will be processed until the Scholarship Payment has been made and the Portfolio Application has been completed.

Current Students: $50.00
Applicants for Year 9 2017: $50.00
New students (not current at BMG and have not submitted an Application for Enrolment): $150.00

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 2017
The top three current Bacchus Marsh Grammar students based on academic averages, so long as they have also achieved Outstanding Effort Awards will receive a Scholarship covering 100% of Tuition Fees for one year. No application form needs to be completed or payment made. These Scholarships will be Awarded and announced at the School’s end of year Presentation Awards.

All existing Scholarship holder arrangements stand.

For further information regarding the 2017 Scholarship Program please contact the Principal’s Personal Assistant Mrs Michelle Graham on 5366 4800.

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS

Please remember that we have a No Hat No Play policy for all 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
Host Families Required

The LOTE department is seeking families to host a Japanese girl/boy from Tokyo from the 5th-17th March 2016. The students are aged between 14-15 years of age and speak some English. 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**

**Hairspray T-Shirt Orders**

If students would like to purchase a production tee-shirt a cost of $25.00 will be incurred and orders for T-shirts are to be made via the myBMG – Parent Portal. To access the ordering of the T-Shirt please login to the myBMG – Parent Portal and access the ‘Events & Sales’ tab and click the link.

Orders have been reopened and are to be made no later than **Wednesday 10th February 2016.**

Reminders to all “Hairspray” participants please ensure you have returned both your signed agreement and the Photographic permission forms ASAP.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to strict licensing agreements for this production there will be **NO DVD** produced this year.

**Helena Stratakis**
Drama coordinator

**SS SPORT**

**Welcome Back**

Welcome back to all students in preparation for another exciting year ahead in all things sporting at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. This year there are numerous Interschool ICCES events on the calendar ranging from the ICCES Winter and Summer Tours to the major sporting carnivals starting with ICCES Swimming, Badminton and Table Tennis at MSAC, Melbourne on March the 8th.

The Elite Sports Program continues to expand and athletes will also take part in an International Training Camp in Singapore in June/July.

The first major sporting event happens next week with the House Swimming Sports to be held on Tuesday 9th February. At the conclusion of this event the ICCES Interschool Swimming Team will be selected and swimming training will then take place for this team on Tuesday nights after school at Melton Waves.

In exciting news the Gymnasium “reconstruction” after the fire of last year will be completed at the end of this week and the complex looks fantastic. A huge thank you to all involved in this, particularly to Mr. Quach, who has worked tirelessly in getting the gym back on line.

Good luck to all our students this year and enjoy the great sporting landscape that Bacchus Marsh Grammar has to offer.

**Fantastic Individual Sporting Success**

Congratulations to the following students who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

**Greame Frislie – One of our exciting new athletes**! Year 9 Elite Sport/ WestVic Academy of Sport, won two **Gold Medals and a Silver** in the Victorian Junior Track Championships over the holidays. Greame has now been selected in the Victorian Track Cycling Team to compete at the National Championships in Tasmania on Feb 22-26. Greame has also been **nominated for Victorian Junior Cyclist of the Year** in a ceremony to take place at Federation Square on 4th February. We wish Greame all the best.

**Post Graduate Success at ECU**

Congratulations to Mr. Durham who recently completed his Post graduate studies in Exercise Science, Strength and Conditioning at Edith Cowan University. This course is the preeminent course in S and C within the Oceania Region taking in units in advanced exercise physiology, biomechanics and research and requires a substantial commitment in time and application. Not only did Mr. Durham complete the course he did so with a High Distinction across all units of work, a fantastic achievement. He will now be able to pass on the most up to date research and technique to our athletes within the S and C setting. Congratulations Mr. Durham.

**Amazing Experience**

Last year I had the opportunity to Tour with the Australian Olympic Badminton Squad in their European Olympic Qualifying Tour. This included tournaments in Scotland, Wales, England and Italy and gave me the opportunity to work with some of the world’s leading coaches, physiologists, and biomechanics. I was fortunate to spend time in training camps at Loughborough University, England Institute of Sport, Derby Institute of Sport, Wales Institute of Sport and the AIS European Training Centre in Italy.
On my return I also spent time at the AIS in Canberra at a pre-Olympic Training Camp. Throughout this time I had many fruitful conversations and discussions about how best to progress the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Elite Sporting Model and facilities and many great links were established that will greatly benefit BMG’s Elite Sports Program in the future. I would like to personally thank Mr. Neal and the BMG community for their continued support and I know that our Elite Sports structure is at world’s cutting edge.

Australian Athletes competing at the Scottish Grand Prix

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

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

Confidential Medical forms
These were sent home at the end of last year, they need to be returned to the Health Centre as soon as possible. If you did not receive one or have misplaced yours, please contact the Health Centre.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - Hairspray
School production camp will be held from Friday 19th Feb to Sunday 21st Feb. The camp forms will be mailed out shortly along with further details. These also need to be returned to the Health Centre.

YEAR 7
All Year 7 Immunisation cards were sent home last year. They need to be returned as soon as possible. If you have any queries please call the Health Centre on 53664873

The Moorabool Shire Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the Year 7 secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Please contact Michelle Graham in the Principal’s Office or the School’s Health Centre by Friday 12 February 2016 if you do not want your contact details given to the Moorabool Shire Council.

Year 7 students will be attending a camp Manyung on the 15th February. Keep a look out for Year 7 Camp forms in the mail! Once received please return to the HC as soon as possible.

YEAR 9, 10 and 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Outdoor and Environmental studies camp is to be held on the 10th to the 12th of February. This will be the first of three camps. Only one Medical/permission form will be sent home. We will use this form for all the camps. Camp forms will be sent out soon. Once received please return the form to the HC as soon as possible.

Bulletin JMB 4 BMG
The Health Centre has launched a monthly news bulletin showcased on the news board in the Health Centre. The goal is to inform students and staff on important health issues that arise on a daily basis. This month the topic is Water and the importance of keeping hydrated. Feel free to pop past and have a look!

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

Welcome to the 2016 school year. 2016 Canteen lunch order bags have been ordered and will be available soon or alternatively you may use the new online ordering service.

Canteen Online Ordering – Qkr! By MasterCard
Lunch orders can now be placed using the Qkr! app by MasterCard. Please note that orders are taken for lunch only; parents/guardians will need to provide money for recess purchases. Orders must be submitted by 9.30am on the day of order. For further information visit www.bmg.vic.edu.au and search for Qkr! See further information regarding Qkr! in this newsletter.

Please note there are minor changes to drinks on the Canteen menu due to some stock no longer available.

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.

Senior School Lunch Ordering Procedure
1. A table is placed outside the canteen with a tub that includes lunch order bags and pens for students to utilise if they have not already completed orders at home.
2. Completed orders are to be “posted” through the slot in the canteen door by 9.30AM daily.
3. Senior Students are to collect orders from the canteen. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 collect their own lunch off the respective shelf section from the canteen. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are to continue to collect their orders from the front counter in the lunch order pick up queue.

Junior School Lunch Ordering Procedure.
1. Each Junior School Class has a lunch basket in their classroom in which students place their lunch order baskets. Junior classes send baskets with canteen monitors to the canteen by 9.30AM daily.
2. Lunch orders are filled and placed back into these baskets for collection by Canteen Monitors from each class prior to lunch.

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 Administration Office for an emergency lunch requisition. Payment for the emergency lunch must be made to the Administration Office on the next school day. Teaching staff will not be permitted to send students directly to the canteen for emergency lunches.

Contact will be made with all parents/guardians of all students requiring an emergency lunch for permission to give students the emergency lunch requisition and to check if there are any specific dietary requirements.

Students will be supplied with:
- a sandwich
- a piece of fruit and/or a small yoghurt
- a bottle of water.

Canteen Volunteers
The School and canteen staff would greatly appreciate volunteer support from the school community and your assistance is always welcomed. Volunteers do not have to commit to a whole day you may choose to help out for a shorter period of time.

To any parent who is thinking of assisting in the canteen in 2014, you are required to have a current Working With Children Check. Once you have received your card please present it to the Administration Office where a copy of the card will be kept in a confidential file.
myBMG – Parent Portal

The parent portal continues to provide information regarding your child(ren) including all student notes. It also contains options to make payments towards your school fees, learning hub fees, various user pays activities and any ad hoc charges. I encourage all parents/guardians to refer to the Parent Portal for information regarding your child(ren).

Forgotten Password

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 will require their Debtor ID or Family Code and must have provided the school with a valid e-mail address for all contacts for 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.

Qkr!

Qkr! By MasterCard is now at Bacchus Marsh Grammar

The new Qkr! app by MasterCard is now available for families of students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar to make payments to the School. The Qkr! app by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app, register by simply scan the QR code below using the Qkr! Code scanner or type BMG after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!. The app will then always recognise you as a member of Bacchus Marsh Grammar in the future and enable you to make payments to the school (including School fees). You can also order lunch from the Canteen right now using Qkr!

To make payments immediately why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

An information flyer regarding the service will be distributed with The Grammar Weekly - in brief and attached to the full version of The Grammar Weekly available online.

For further information visit www.bmg.vic.edu.au and search for Qkr!

Luke Robertson
Information Systems Support Officer

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT

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.
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

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.

Private Bus - new bus routes
As you would be aware bus routes have been updated from 2015 with additional students travelling on these services and amendments made by Bacchus Marsh Coaches to accommodate the needs in these districts. Both the School and the bus company request that parents allow at least 3 weeks for these schedules to roll out and traffic to settle.

Private Bus – Student Passes
Temporary bus cards have been distributed to students this week via class/tutor pigeon holes. A more permanent solution will be to add the bus information to the student identification cards due later month.

Bus Code of Conduct
This is a reminder to parents and students regarding the expectation the School and Bacchus Marsh Coaches has when travelling on our school services.

The purpose of this code is to ensure safe and comfortable travel for all.

This Code is applicable to all students (Primary and Secondary) who travel to and/or from school on a designated school bus.

At all times while travelling by school bus, students must abide by the following rules and conduct requirements. All students must:-

1. Behave in a safe, responsible and respectful manner – ensuring that behaviours and noise levels are not uncomfortable to other passengers.
2. At all times remain properly seated while bus is in motion.
3. Not eat food (including chewing gum) or consume drinks (other than water) on the bus.
4. Not sit on armrests, kneel or place feet on the seats.
5. Not draw on, damage or deface any article in or on the bus.
6. Not use offensive or indecent language.
7. Not throw any article in or from the bus.
8. Not spit or fight.
9. Not distract the driver while the bus is in motion, unless there is a serious reason to do so such as requesting a stop or an emergency situation.
10. Not make inappropriate and/or rude gestures to pedestrians and/or the general public.
11. Not yell at or out to pedestrians and/or the general public.
12. Not behave whilst waiting for a bus in a way that brings discredit to the school.
13. All students must travel on the bus service to which they have been allocated.
14. Behave in a way that respects the rights of residents who are in the vicinity of school bus stops.
15. Wear seat belts where fitted at all times.

Note: - These requirements are mandatory for the safety and comfort of all students while travelling to and from school.

NORMALLY:
NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING:-
First offence – Written warning to parents
Second offence – Withdrawal of travel rights for three days
Third offence – Total and permanent withdrawal of travel rights

Note:
If the incident or incidents are deemed by the Principal to be of a more serious nature, withdrawal of travel rights will occur immediately.
Normal School sanctions, i.e. detentions, suspension, etc., will also apply to any/all bus incidents

Safety: - Students are reminded not to cross the road in front of or directly behind the bus after alighting at the bus stop. Students should wait until the bus has cleared the stop and have clear vision in both directions before crossing.

The initial response to any misbehaviour is for the student to be issued with a notice/sticker in their diary as they leave the bus. This notice/sticker will state that the student has been reported to have been misbehaving and may not travel on the bus until contact has been made with Bacchus Marsh Grammar. On completion of the journey, contact is then made with Bacchus Marsh Grammar of the incident. Upon prompt investigation of the incident an initial response to any student that misbehaves is that a first warning notice will be posted home to parents.
Reminder to Parents:

- Parents are requested to pay particular attention to where they park and issues of safety when dropping off and collecting children.
- It is recommended that parents arrive at designated stops 5 minutes before drop-off and collection.
- Parents are also asked to be mindful that many bus stops are in residential areas and they have a responsibility to be respectful of the amenity of residences close to bus stops.

Conveyance Allowance Program

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. It is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus.

Existing families eligible for the Conveyance Allowance were sent application forms in December 2015. These are due no later than Friday 12 February.

New families to BMG can review the criteria below and assess their eligibility to submit an application.

Eligibility Criteria

Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- reside outside Melbourne’s metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8kms or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service.

Applications for the Conveyance Allowance are available at the Administration Office.

Travel Grant

Parents/Guardians eligible for 2016 Travel Grant received their forms at the end of last year. These must be returned by Friday 12th February 2016.

Town/Country School Bus

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 Casey Ryder to request a form.

Public Transport

Parents who are purchasing myki need to complete a ‘Victorian Public Transport Student Concession Card and Student Pass Application Form’. These forms are available from V/Line staffed stations, metropolitan premium stations or online at ptv.vic.gov.au.

Any questions can be directed to Casey Ryder at the Main office on 5366 4800.

Public Bus Notice From Bacchus Marsh College:

Student conduct when travelling on school buses in 2016

When travelling between home and school (visa/versa), students must adhere to various regulations regarding passenger behaviour.

It is every student’s responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers.

To ensure your child’s and other passengers safety and comfort, students will:

1. Behave safely at all times.
2. Respect the needs and comfort of other student passengers.
3. Behave appropriately at all times (e.g. no use of offensive language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats or throwing things in or from the bus).
4. Follow instructions of bus duty teachers and bus drivers.
5. Respect staff (duty teachers and bus drivers)
6. Respect other student passenger’s property.
7. If required hold a valid MYKI pass.

Please note: Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of access to school bus services and/or prosecution.

Lupco Arsovski, Bus Co-ordinator
Bacchus Marsh College

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)
UNIFORM NEWS

Senior School 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).

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 student's property. Any items that may have been mistakenly taken home maybe brought to the Main Administration for distribution back to the correct family.

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.

SECONDHAND BOOKS & UNIFORM NEWS

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.

Only buy secondhand workbooks that have not been written in. Many book suppliers have very good returns policies 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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

RUSHFORDS TRADING HOURS
Mon-Fri: 9a.m. to 5.30 p.m.  Sat: 9a.m. to 1p.m.
Shop 3-5 Watton Arcade, 28 Watton Street, Werribee
Phone: 9741 3211 Fax: 9741 3155
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC PARISH of BACCHUS MARSH

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2016 for children attending local government and independent schools other than St Bernard's Parish Primary. Parents interested in their child/children receiving the following sacraments:

- Confirmation - Grade 6 or higher
- Eucharist - Grade 4 or higher
- First Reconciliation - Grade 3 or higher

should register immediately for ALL Sacraments at the Parish Office, 61 Lerderderg Street, Bacchus Marsh, Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3:30pm.

Enrolments for all Sacraments (particularly Confirmation) must be completed by Thursday ,17 March 2016. Attendance at all classes is compulsory and parent/s must accompany their child. Dates of preparation classes for all sacraments, given on enrolment. Fee $50 per child per sacrament payable on enrolment. Enquiries: 5367 2069
SHIBUYA HOMESTAY - BMG HOST FAMILY PROFILE

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

#Japanese Student name: ________________________________________________

Please write clearly.

Surname | Father’s name | Mother’s name
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Address | Suburb | Post code | State | Phone number (Hm)
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Father’s Occupation | Mobile/Work number

Mother’s Occupation | Mobile/Work number

Email address:

PARENT/S SIGNATURE:

| Children living at home |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name (Host child’s name first) | Age | Gender | Year level at BMG | Interests/Hobbies/Job |
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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.
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