It is pleasing to hear of the wonderful sporting success of three of our students; Graeme Frislie (Year 9), Julia Bourke (Year 12) and Sophie McMinimee (Year 10).

Graeme Frislie: Has been awarded the Victorian Junior Cyclist of the year and recently won multiple Gold medals at the State Titles. Graeme will now go to the Nationals in the Victorian Team.

Julia Bourke: won Gold in the U/12 Hammer Throw and Gold in the U/20 Shot Put. Julie has now qualified for Junior and Open Nationals in both events.

Sophie McMinimee: won Bronze in the double of 1500 m and 3000m; meaning she has qualified for the Junior Nationals in Perth.

I congratulate them on their success to date and we wish them continued success at the next level of competition.

It was also pleasing to hear the fine efforts by all of our students at the Lions Youth of the Year Competition in Bacchus Marsh. I would like to congratulate Kieran McKenzie on being named Bacchus Marsh Youth of the Year and Phoebe Hogarth for being awarded best speaker of the evening. Kieren will move to regional competition as the year continues and the school wishes him well in the next round of competition.

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 4 of the full version of the newsletter.
judging was on Public Speaking. This was conducted at an evening session in front of an audience of Lion’s Club members, family and friends where each participant was given two impromptu questions that they needed to speak to for two minutes, then deliver a five-minute prepared speech of their own choosing.

All four students are to be congratulated. They all spoke extremely well and were wonderful ambassadors for Bacchus Marsh Grammar and for young people in the wider community. Phoebe was the winner of the Public Speaking Award. Kieren was the overall winner and was presented with the John Cadzow Memorial Award. Kieren will now represent the Lion’s Club of Bacchus Marsh at the Zone Final and we wish him every success with this.

SCHOOL COLOURS
Congratulations to Lilli Stanley of 11E and Jai Wright of 12A who were awarded School Colours for continued services to the school at assembly last Monday. School Colours are awarded to senior students who consistently achieve academically, serve and perform for the school in any area of the curriculum or co-curricular activities, which has been particularly outstanding.

Throughout the school year, School Colours will also be awarded to students in Years 10, 11 & 12. If your child is deserved of School Colours, ensure that they have submitted their information sheets to their Tutor Teacher.

School Colours are awarded to eligible students from Year 10 onwards. Points are awarded for services to the School (not house events) i.e. Academic Excellence, Outstanding Effort, School Production, ICCES sports, DAV debating etc… Upon attaining 90 points, they are eligible to be awarded School Colours, 180 point – Double School Colours.

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 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 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.

It is important that all students arrive at the bus stop approximately **3-5 minutes** before the bus is due to arrive and be ready to board upon arrival.

Many students are:
1. Waiting with parents in the car and only begin to get ready, collect school bag etc... after the bus has arrived – delaying the departure of the bus
2. Arriving at the bus stop as the bus is arriving – delaying the departure of the bus.

If parents are driving their child to the bus stop, please do not park in an area that interferes with path of the bus. Please park at a reasonable distance from to bus stop.

All Bacchus Marsh Grammar busses have **assigned seating**: students are expected to be seated in their designated seat. If a student wishes to change their designated seat then they must request a change, in writing, giving reasons for the request.

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 myself.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

READING - Parent Practical Workshops
**When**: 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.

BMG 2016 Junior School House Swimming

On Friday 19th February, our annual school swimming carnival is being held at Melton Waves Swimming Pool for students, who as a result of the swimming trials, have qualified to participate. The competitive events will result in the selection for our district carnival which will be held on Thursday 25th February at Melton Waves. If your child is not participating they will be required to attend school as normal classes will continue to run with some staff remaining at school.

The children are expected to arrive at school, where they will be bussed to Melton Waves accompanied by staff. No students are permitted to get dropped off at Melton Waves as there will be no supervision prior to the arrival of school buses. The program is scheduled to start at 9.45am and will conclude with presentations at approximately 1.45pm.

Please ensure that your child wears an appropriate bathing suit under their sports uniform. Students are to wear full sport uniform to and from school, which also includes their school hat and sunscreen. Parents who wish to take their child home directly from the pool will need to ensure they sign their child out with their House Coordinator.

Pentland: Mr Brendan McLoughlin
Hilton: Miss Rebecca Adlam
Braeside: Mr Wes McLaughlin
Bacchus: Mr Travis Newton

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Wednesday 24th February and Thursday 25th February 2016
3.15p.m. – 7.30p.m.

The Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 24th February and Thursday 25th February 2016 respectively. Interviews with your child’s class teacher, and specialist teachers if required, are to be booked online via the myBMG – Parent Portal available from the school website, www.bmg.vic.edu.au. Parents have already been provided with your log in details. If you have misplaced your log in details you can either request notification online or by phoning the school office on 5366 4800.

Booking an appointment with your child’s class teacher
Online bookings will open on Wednesday 22nd February at 5.00pm. To enable all parents to book a suitable time with their child’s class teacher, until Monday 15th February at 9.00am, you will only be able to book a class teacher appointment.

Booking an appointment with your child’s specialist teachers
Online bookings will open on Monday 15th February at 9.00am to enable parents to book to see their child’s specialist teachers.

Interviews will be 10 minute duration. If you or the class teachers believes a longer time session is required, then this needs to be booked directly with the class teacher and will be outside of the advertised Parent /Teacher advertised times. If you do not have the facility to book your interview times online, then you are able to contact Mrs. Fran Raynor on 5366 4800 and she will be able to assist you in booking suitable times for interviews.

Online bookings will close on Monday 21st of February at 9.00am. Students will bring home a letter stating confirmed times for interviews by Tuesday 22nd February. We will attach a school map to the letter to enable you to easily locate rooms for interviews.

Venues
- Year 5 and Year 6 interviews will be held in the Multi-Purpose room in the F block
- Year 3 and Year 4 interviews will be conducted upstairs in the W block
- Year 1 –Year 2 interviews will be in Wilson Hall
- Prep Interviews will be in Room E6

As much as possible, specialist teachers will be placed with the year levels where they teach the most. The confirmation letter you receive will have the staff members allocated room number for interviews indicated next to the staff member’s name.

Junior School Assembly
The Junior School Assembly will be conducted on Friday 26th February in the school gymnasium, beginning at 9.00am. At this assembly selected Junior School Leaders will address the Junior School about leadership. There are no musical performances at this assembly however the Year 1/2 choir will lead the National Anthem.

Term One 2016 Sports offered:

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Wednesday 9th March  
Wednesday 16th March  
Wednesday 23rd March | Basketball |
**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.

**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 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** 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

**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.
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.

**Important to all Hubs participants** – you must notify the Hubs team if your child is not attending on the scheduled day by phone, email or text.

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.
- If your child is unable to attend either program please contact us via email, phone or text.


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

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

**SRC NEWS**

**BMG Easter Raffle 2016**
The Junior and Senior School SRC (Student Representative Council) Easter Raffle are again jointly holding an Easter Raffle as the main fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to charity chosen by the SRC groups.

The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with donations of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to the Administration Office marked SRC RAFFLE.

A booklet of 10 tickets will be sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by Wednesday 16th March 2016. Ticket butts need to include a name and contact number. Prizes will be drawn at school and winners notified.

The prizes being raffled are:

**Baskets of Easter Eggs**
Thank you to the school community for your support of the SRC raffle.

**JS & SS SRC Committees**

**LOTE NEWS**

**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.

**BMG JAPAN TRIP 2016**
Students from Years 9-12 are welcome to attend the BMG Japan trip this year. The tour will depart Melbourne on the 3rd September and return to Melbourne on 24th September. 3 weeks in Japan!!

We plan to visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagasaki, and Kumamoto for a 10 day homestay with Japanese families from our sister schools.

The cost is around $4600 plus spending money. Please see Mr Love if you have any questions and visit the school Parent Portal to lodge your expression of interest.

Michael Love
Featured in the gallery this week:
Year 9 / 10 sculpture students have completed their first clay model for the year - figurines based on the exploration of body language to express a selected ‘Emotion’. After bisque firing, glazes were added and models were fired for a second time, resulting in impressive finished works. The students are to be commended for their first efforts for the semester.

You are most welcome to come and view our students’ work. Please sign in at the Main Administration Office prior to visiting the BMG Gallery.

Lou Callow
Gallery Coordinator
EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Geelong Grammar Dressage Day

During the past weekend four members of the BMG Equestrian Team, including myself, competed in the Geelong Grammar Interschool Dressage day. It was a beautiful day for a competition and all horses were well behaved. Benjamin Peterson competed in the Primary Preparatory section taking home a 2nd place in his first test and 4th in his second. Briana Peterson, Emma Squires and myself just missed out on a placing in each of our classes over all BMG placed 5th on the day. It was an enjoyable day spent with our horsey Valentine’s.

Olivia Peterson

For more information on the Equestrian Team, please collect an information booklet from reception.

SS PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Reminder 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 Stratakos
Drama coordinator

SS HOUSE NEWS

SS House Swimming Overall Results 2016
1st Bacchus 1514 Points 3rd Pentland Points
2nd Hilton Points 4th Braeside Points

Congratulations to Jack Carr (Year 10) and Megan Llaneza (Year 7) who broke individual records at the House Swimming Carnival.

Jack broke all records in all 4 strokes throughout the day some of which were over 10 years old. Megan broke the Butterfly record which has been standing for 7 Years. Well done to both on an amazing individual effort!

M Yr10 50m Breastroke Carr, Jack HI 35.64
Old Record: 37.74 MOUTZOURIS, Andreas (HI 2012)
M Yr10 50m Freestyle Carr, Jack HI 26.27
Old Record: 28.16 J. Wilson (2005)

M Yr10 50m Backstroke Carr, Jack HI 31.46
Old Record: 31.84 J. Wilson (2005)

F Yr07 50m Butterfly Llaneza, Megan PD 36.57
Old Record: 37.17 K. Woolley (2009)

M Yr10 50m Butterfly Carr, Jack HI 28.05
Old Record: 28.62 SADLER, Dylan (BA 2012)

Evan Long
Coordinator: Head of Houses

CAMPS FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Do you have a Health Care Card?
The Victorian Government have unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Applications are available from the main office and must be returned no later than 22 February 2016.

CSEF ELIGIBILITY
Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility
a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
b) Be a temporary foster parent; and
c) Submit an application to the school’s main office no later than 22 February 2016. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

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. http://www.sunsmart.com.au/

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
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.

**Qkr! NEWS**

**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 by Mastercard or Visa. 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 is 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

**Canteen Product Update**

Please note updates on canteen products:
- **Streets** no longer produce the Funny finger icy pole so these are no longer available from the Canteen. The Canteen still stocks lemonade icy poles for $1.00 and Calypso for $1.50.
- **Lipton ice teas** are only available in large 600ml size for $4.00.
- **Big M Banana milk** is only available in the large size 600ml for $4.00.

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

**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/snack purchases. Orders must be submitted by 9.30am on the day of order. Parents/Guardians must inform student(s) if they have an online order placed. For further information visit www.bmg.vic.edu.au and search for Qkr! See further information regarding Qkr! in this newsletter.

**Emergency Lunch Procedure - Qkr! By MasterCard**

Emergency Lunches can now be ordered and paid for using Qkr!. If you miss the cut-off (9.30am) for the normal canteen menu or you have forgotten to provide/order lunch this can now be done online using Qkr!

**Cancelling Online Orders**

Orders can be canceled up until the cut-off time of 9.30am (excludes emergency lunch orders or payments) by following the same process as completing an order. Just select the order and then ‘cancel’ a credit sit against your account for use at another time.

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/zoooper 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 9, 10, 11 and 12 collect their own lunch off the respective shelf section from the canteen. Students in Years 7 and 8 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 completed lunch order bags. 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. This can now be ordered online using Qkr! By MasterCard. Or 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 2016, 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.

Kerrie, Leanne and Janine.

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**myBMG NEWS**

**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.

**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.

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**NEWS**

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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.

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.

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 the 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 Derimut 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

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

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 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.

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

Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection - pinarc
This is a free social and support group for parents of children or adults who have disabilities. It gives you a chance to chat and connect with other families in similar situations. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. New members warmly welcomed. A flyer with additional information is attached to the newsletter.
Have you ever wanted to learn First Aid? Can YOU save a life, if not, why not? Well, now is your chance! Join St. John Djerriwarrh Division today.

As we are in urgent need of new cadets in our division. Our members have many opportunities to attend duties from football at Darley oval to concerts at Rod Laver Arena and even the Australian open. We also offer our cadets a range of social activities including camps and excursions to the air Ambulance and CFA Brigades.

Training nights are:
- Adult (aged 18+) Tuesdays 7:30-9:00
- Cadets (12-17 years) Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm

For further information please call Marg Dart Divisional Manager on 0434-188-354
Email: djerriwarrh@stjohnvic.com.au

The 2016 Ballan Autumn Festival is just over five weeks away?
We have put together an activity sheet that we'd love students to complete. It features an alphabetical join the dots, country inspired word search and a design-a-watch cut-out activity that will get the creativity flowing! The activity sheet is attached to the full version of “The Grammar Weekly” We’d love to see some of the finished designs, so please do send through any happy snaps you have permission to share!

What’s on at the 2016 Ballan Autumn Festival?
From little kids to big kids, foodies to music lovers, vintage car enthusiasts to sports fanatics – no one misses out!

Among the events for the little kids:
- Toby the T-Rex has escaped and is heading for the country. Live on the main stage!
- A host of activities and games to enjoy in the arts and craft marquees.
- And no festival is complete without the jumping castles, ponies and petting zoo.

For the bigger kids:
- Challenge your friends and family to a match of sumo soccer!
- Test your strength on the Bungee run and see if you can go the distance.
- Lots of sporting activities in our Family Fun Field including mini golf, pool table soccer, pin ball bowling, darts, connect four, twister, buzz wire and many more!

For everyone:
- Musical entertainment all day including the ensemble of woodwinds that make up Claritude, songs from Sing Australia Ballarat and a host of local artists.
- Speak with the Moorabool Landcare network, visit their Wild Action Zoo, and see the Doll Houses and modern art exhibition - all on display in the Mechanics Institute.
- Hot Rod and Vintage Car display outside Springfield’s garage, along with the famous vintage machinery display.

For more details, please visit our website: www.ballanautumnfestival.org.

Disclaimer: please note the school provides this newsletter space to local community activity based businesses and does not have an affiliation or endorse individual businesses.
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SHIBUYA HOMESTAY - BMG HOST FAMILY PROFILE

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

Japanese Student name: ________________________________________________

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Email address: ____________________________________________________________

PARENT/S SIGNATURE: ________________________________________________________

Children living at home

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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.
Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. Qkr!:

- Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

**Step 1 Download Qkr!**

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2 Register**

Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

**Step 3 Find our school**

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school

**Step 4 Register your children**

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order directly from your phone...
Manage your children’s details

- Tap to add another child
- Tap the student card to edit details on that child
- Tap to show Manage Children option

Purchase school items

Add multiple payment cards

Pay with any scheme credit, debit or pre-paid card accepted by the school. At checkout, you can select from any of your registered cards.

Safe and Secure MasterCard Technology

We want your feedback!

Add up to five cards to your Qkr! account

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the Qkr! service could be improved to the school office.
This is a free social and support group for parents of children or adults who have disabilities. It gives you a chance to chat and connect with other families in similar situations. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. New members warmly welcomed.

Join us for morning tea around the fourth Monday of the month during school terms.

10.30am—12.30pm
Darley Neighbourhood House,
33 Jonathan Dr, Darley.

2016 Dates:

Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February

Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} March
*early due to Easter

Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May
*late due to ANZAC day

Monday 23\textsuperscript{rd} May

Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} June
*early due to School Holidays

Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} July

Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August

Monday 24\textsuperscript{th} October

Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} November

Contact Rebecca Paton, Parent Support Coordinator
5329 1361, rpaton@pinarc.org.au

www.pinarc.org.au
general enquiries: 03 5329 1398
Let’s have some
Festival Fun!

Activity 1: Connect the Dots

Activity 2: Find-A-Word
Can you find the hidden words listed below? They go across or down. Circle the words as you find them and then cross them off the word list.

Activity 3: Design-A-Watch
1. Design and colour your watch,
2. Fill in the missing numbers
3. Cut it out and wear it home!

What time is the clock pointing to?

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