It was pleasing to hear the positive feedback from so many people in relation to the information evenings and early parent-teacher interviews. These are vital elements of the communication process and it is always good to hear that they have gone well. Equally we value feedback when things have not been as parents had hoped so that we may look to improve our processes.

Another area that is central to school/parent communication is student reports. At present I have begun a process of beginning to review our reporting structure and format. For me, the clear goals are:

i) That reports are timely and give an accurate picture of a child’s development and learning in relation to that which is expected but also enable a clear mapping of a student’s progress or growth.

ii) The report reflects a real knowledge of the student and providing a “snap shot” of a student’s clearly articulated goals and pointers that enable a student to continue to improve.

I had cause to read my Year 12 report from the 1970’s during the holidays. It was single sheet with Mark, Position in Class and a one line hand written comment. Whilst this is perhaps extreme, the picture that was painted was clear, accurate and future orientated and many less trees were killed in its production than we currently do each Semester.

As we commence this process of review I would like to receive comment and feedback from parents about the things they would like to see us incorporate in a new reporting structure and format. If you would like to make comment please send me an email via: school@bmg.vic.edu.au

This address is accessed by myself and my Assistant Michelle Graham.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Principal’s Awards are awarded to students who have been involved in activities that are particularly outstanding, if you believe that your child has been involved in an activity that is noteworthy, please inform your child’s Tutor Group Teacher, Year Level Coordinator and/or myself, for recommendation for a Principal’s Award.

The following students were presented with a Principal’s Award for their involvement in the Lions Youth of the Year. Each student was required to be interview by a panel, present a speech on a topic of their choice and give a two minute impromptu speech in response to a topic just presented to them. All four students were outstanding ambassadors of Bacchus Marsh Grammar and deserved recipients of a Principal’s Award. Congratulations to Kieren McKenzie, Jacob Micevski, Phoebe Hogarth and Rachel O’Hagan.

Kieren and Phoebe presented their speeches at the Senior School assembly on Monday. Their ability to captivate the audience and keep their attention was only surpassed by the quality of their speeches.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Senior School Parent Teacher interviews were held last Tuesday evening for Year 7 Students. Next Tuesday, 8th March is the Parent Teacher interviews for students in Year 11 and 12. If you require an interview and were or unable to attend these scheduled times, please make contact with your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Parent teacher interviews are now booked via the PARENT PORTAL, accessed through the School Website. www.bmg.vic.edu.au The portal will be open for appointments approximately 2 weeks prior to the evening and close the day before the scheduled Parent Teacher date.

This session of Parent Teacher Interviews is an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss their child’s progress to this point. Whils the time allocated for each interview was five minutes, if you have further questions, etc… please make contact with your child’s teacher and/or Year Level Coordinator to follow up and discuss any concerns arising from your Parent Teacher Interviews. Please allow a 5 minute gap between each interview for travel time.

Parent Teacher Interviews for students in Years 8 to 10, will occur early Term Two with dates as following:

19th April - Yr. 8 Parent teacher interviews
20th April - Yr. 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews
26th April - Yr. 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews

Please note these dates on your calendar, information will be provided to students and parents in the latter weeks of this term.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS!

Portia Fragapane, Year 3, has been cast to play Gretel in the Melbourne season of “The Sound of Music”. The musical will play at the Regent Theatre for three months and she will perform with great stars of musical theatre including Marina Prior and Cameron Daddo. Portia endured 4 days of auditions with over 1000 children trying out for parts in the show. The “Sound of Music” begins at the Regent Theatre at the beginning of May.

Junior School LOTE Week 7th – 11th March

As part of Bacchus Marsh Grammar’s ongoing commitment to supporting those in need, the Junior School SRC have planned some special events for Term 1 during LOTE week. Any money raised during the week will be donated to our Tri Ratan Secondary School in Nepal. After last year’s earthquakes devastated large areas of Nepal, BMG established a relationship with Tri Ratan, located 2 hours south of Kathmandu. After the Earthquakes, the school building was too unstable to use. Since April 2015, students have had to be taught in makeshift shelters and tents. Money raised will be used to repair the school building.

On Monday 7th March, the Junior School SRC will run an “International Dress Day” in support of this cause. Students are permitted to wear international dress or international colours/T-shirt with their sport uniform. Regulation BMG uniform shorts, socks and hat must be worn. No face painting or coloured hair is permitted. To participate in this day, students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to show their support in raising funds for the Nepal appeal.

On Friday, 11th March 2016, the Junior School SRC will run a “SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY” in support of this cause. Students will need to have all purchases pre-ordered and paid for online through Qkr! if they wish to participate in this special day.

Please complete your order online through the Qkr! by Mastercard App (instructions attached) by 4pm Friday, 4th March 2016.

Students will also be able to purchase either a fruit juice or water to have with their lunch.

In addition to our LOTE week activities, students will have the opportunity to ‘Guess the Easter Eggs’ in the jar. All money raised for this will support the Nepal appeal.

The cost of the competition is 50 cents per guess or 3 guesses for $1. Students may enter as many times as they wish. This competition will run from Monday 29th February until Tuesday 8th March, and there will be one winner from P-2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. If there is no exact guess made at any year level, the closest guess will be deemed the winner/s. The winners will be announced on the final day of the competition. Junior School SRC members will promote this
and inform students where they will be located each day. Good luck with your guesses!

“SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY” Friday 11th March, 2016

Items available to order:
- Sausage in bread $3.00
- Vege Burger $3.00
- Bottled water $2.00
- Fruit Juice $2.00

To order and pay through Qkr! by Mastercard (note: Visa and Mastercard accepted)
- Login to the App Store/Google Play to download the Qkr! App by following the instructions attached
- Tap the ‘Special Food Days’ link
- Tap ‘Junior School Sausage Sizzle’
- Select which student you want to order for
- Tap the items you want to order, adjust the amount if you wish, tap add to cart
- If you need to order for another student, tap back and select the next student you want to order for.
- When you are finished ordering, click on the cart to proceed to payment.

Orders must be completed no later than 4pm Friday, 4th March 2016.

**If you are unable to order through the App, please contact your classroom teacher for an alternative order form.

LOTE Week Dress-up Parade Prep – Year 2
To celebrate ‘LOTE Week’ the Prep, Year One and Year Two students have the opportunity to participate in a dress up parade on Monday 7th March. The parade will take place on the large asphalt area out front of the Prep/Year One building from 9:00am – 9:30am. Students can wear their sport uniform and something over the top or an item/article of clothing that represents a country.

Some examples could include:
- A hat such as a beret, sombrero or akubra
- An item of traditional clothing such as a kimono, kilt, sari, hula skirt, poncho or Hawaiian shirt
- A sport jersey/t-shirt representing a country
- T-shirt, scarf or hair ties in a colour/colours that represent the flag of a nation

Please keep your child’s dress up very simple. We do not expect you to purchase any expensive items/costumes. We hope that you can join us for this special event.

Term One 2016 Sports offered:

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

2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NEWS

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 9 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
NEWS

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.

The Learning Hub, The Sports Hub and The Clubs Hub. For each of these programs it is important and the parent/guardians responsibility to notify the program coordinators if there are any changes to your child/ren’s attendance on the day that they are to attend. This may be done by SMS to either related program on the following numbers:

The Learning Hub - 0408 548 058
The Sport Hub - 0428 315 081

or

Confirmations of absentees may be phoned through the main school number on 5366 4800.

or

email the Learning Hub via hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au
Library Bags
All Prep to Year Four students should by now have a library bag. Library bags are essential to the smooth running of lessons and also protect borrowed items. Students may borrow items for up to two weeks. A reminder notice will be issued if your child has an item for more than two weeks. Please ensure your child has their library bag ready on their Library day.

Monday:  PE, PB, 1A, 3A, 4A
Tuesday:   PA, 1D, 3A, 3D, 4B, 4D
Thursday:  PC, 1C, 2B, 2C, 3C, 4C
Friday:   PD, 1B, 2A, 2D, 3E

Upcoming External Literary Events
Meet the Author/Illustrator of Squishy Taylor. March 5
Dromkeen Literary Festival. March 19

Feona West
Head of the Junior School Library

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB NEWS

As per announcement in week 2 of The Grammar Weekly, Book Club will no longer be offered through the school. Parents are welcome to set up an account and purchase directly from Scholastic. Orders will incur postage & handling.

Final closure of the LOOP service has not as yet happened so orders will still go through until they are closed manually by myself. For those families who have placed their Issue 2 orders in before LOOP was closed; I will pass on the order to the student.

Di Dunn
SS Library

JS SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding personal sporting achievements.

- **Kael Dowton 5B** - won the Bacchus Marsh Lawn Tennis Club Championship Singles Tournament for his division yesterday - winning a 4 out of 5 sets.
- **Emilee Attard 5D** - Gold at the Karate State Championships.
- **Emily Thistlethwaite 6C** - Gold at the Karate State Championships.

LOTE WEEK NEWS

Lote Week takes place next week from Monday 7th March and completing on Friday 11th March with a mini food festival across the Junior and Senior schools. Throughout the week there will be a number of activities occurring. Information has been distributed to all students.

There has been a change with the method of ordering food on Friday 11th March for LOTE week. Orders will now be taken through Qkr - the online ordering system that the canteen use, available at this website http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=230
If you have already ordered using the paper form, this will be returned to you and the order will need to be submitted through Qkr. Payment will be taken online at the time of ordering.

Alice Backhouse

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 has been 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.
"Lego" WANTED
The Year Level Coordinators team is organising lunchtime "Lego" groups to encourage social gatherings and creativity within the Secondary School. If any families have "Lego" that they no longer require we would love any donations.

If you have any donations they may be left at the Administration Office. If you have any queries please contact Belinda Lipscombe Head of Year 8.

Donations of household goods.
From Wednesday 9th through to Friday 11th March all Year 8 students are participating in a community service and awareness program. As part of the program students will be assembling survival packs to donate for the homeless. If you would like to donate new items to include in these packs, we are in need of any of the following (new unused items):
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Face washers or towels which we will cut down and sew into face washers.
If you have any donations they may be left at the Administration Office.

Belinda Lipscombe
Head of Year 8

LOTE NEWS

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

SS ART NEWS

The Visual Arts Department is offering a variety of clubs each day. Students will be able to attend as many sessions as they would like and get involved in various art projects at BMG.

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Jane Todd
Learning Area Coordinator – The Arts

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience
For students in Year 10 in 2016 participating in the Work Experience program the forms are now available on the school’s website. Parents and/or students may download the Work Experience Arrangement Form at the following link: http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/_uploads/ppage/files/WORK%20EXPERIENCE%20ARRANGEMENT%20FORMS%202015.pdf

BMG Careers Newsletter
The first edition of the BMG Careers Newsletter is available on the school internet page under the ‘Careers’ hyperlink. The newsletter will feature on a fortnightly basis, so please ensure that you have a quick browse through to see if there is any pertinent careers news relevant to you!

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

SS SPORTS NEWS

"From the Gym"
ICCES Swimming / Badminton and Table Tennis
A reminder to all the ICCES Swimming Carnival will take place on Tuesday March 8th at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Events starting at 12.30pm and concluding at 4.00pm.
As well as the ICCES Swimming Carnival on the Tuesday 8th March ICCES will also be holding Badminton and Table Tennis events.

A reminder to all athletes chosen in teams to bring back their permission notices ASAP.

**Singapore Sports Tour 2016**

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had two athletes unable to make the trip, therefore we now have two slots open. If any students Years 7-12 would like to join the tour and attend a fantastic 8 days in Singapore training at one of Asia’s premier centres as well as enjoying the holiday destination Singapore is, please contact Mr. Perks directly at BMG.

**Fantastic Individual Sporting Success**

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

- **Graeme Frislie** from the Year 9 Elite Sports class/FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport represented Victoria at the recent Australian Track Championships as a “bottom age” athlete. After a hard fought week Greame came away winning two Bronze Medals, including an action packed Scratch Race. Congratulations Greame, it certainly looks like a bright future in cycling is in store!

- **Julia Bourke** from the Year 12/FedUni WestVic Scholarship athlete who continued her outstanding Track and Field season by winning a Dual Gold Medals in the Open State Championships and Junior knockout finals. Julia Bourke won Gold in the Open Shot Put, with 13.16m; and Gold in both the Shot Put, with a new Personal Best of 13.42m, and Hammer Throw with 46.56m in the Junior Knockouts.

- **Max Noble and Ben DeBortoli** Year 10 Elite Sports class/FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport competed in the Victorian Karate Championships over the weekend. Ben DeBortoli was Silver medalist in the Junior 70-76kg category.

  Max Noble took out the Junior 76-84kg category, both outstanding results.

- **Tanai Newman** – Coverdale –Silver at the Karate State Championships.

- **Jacob Attard** - Bronze at the Karate State Championships.

- **Ella Ryder** – Gold at the Karate State Championships.

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.

**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.

**Wide brim hat = $10.75**

**Bucket hat = $15.50**

**Caps = $13.00**

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:
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 *Please ensure when you set up your children in Qkr! that you include their correct year and class/tutor group for each child*. This allows for us to ensure that lunch orders are provided without any challenges. Please see below:

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

NEWS

Canteen printed lunch order bags are now available and may be collected from the Canteen or the Administration Office.

Canteen Reminders
- Wedges are available on Mondays for Junior students and on Tuesdays for Senior students ONLY. If wedges are ordered on any other day a sweet-chili chicken roll will be substituted in their place.
- No frozen food items can be ordered at lunch, they need to be purchased over the counter.

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

Cancelling Online Orders
Orders may be canceled up until the cut-off time of 9:30 am (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.

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.
Thank you to all our volunteers who lend their time to come into the Canteen and help, your children/ grand children love seeing you and we appreciate your help.

**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.

Due to OH&S and Food Handling regulations all persons working in the canteen are to have closed in footwear i.e runners. Thongs, sandals and open toed shoes are not permitted.

Kerrie, Leanne and Janine.

**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/Guardians 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.

**PFA NEWS**
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

**BUS NEWS**

**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)
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.

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 child/ren’s uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another students property. Any items that may have been mistakenly taken home may be brought to the Main Administration for distribution back to the correct family.

SECONDHAND BOOKS & UNIFORM NEWS
Secondhand books and uniform are now sold through the Sustainable School Shop. To get started, go to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and either register as a parent or log-in if you’re already registered.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

“ON CAMPUS” TRADING HOURS
Mon & Fri: 12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.
Wed: 8a.m. to 12noon
Bacchus Marsh Grammar “On Campus Shop”
Phone: 5367 4072

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

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

St Andrews Fete
Saturday 19th March 2016
St Andrews Uniting Church, Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh 9.00AM – 2.00PM
Activities include; Classic Car display, Decorated hard boiled or blown egg competition, BBQ, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Paper Plane Distance Flying Competition and lots more.
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

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**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](http://www.ballanautumnfestival.org).

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**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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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 marquee.
- And no festival is complete without the jumping castles, ponies and petting zoo.
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?
For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

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

- Add your child’s details and photo
- 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!

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the Qkr! service could be improved to the school office.

Add up to five cards to your Qkr! account
FIBRE, FABRIC & FASHION PAVILION

The Weekly Times Rural Lifestyle Expo will again host a dedicated Fibre, Fabric & Fashion Pavilion which will show case producers within Australia and our region. If you love natural fibres, craft and design, knitting, weaving, crocheting, spinning or simply beautiful things this event is not to be missed.

Beanie & Tea Cosy Competition

fashion and fabric you are invited to enter our new and fun Beanie & Tea Cosy competition. Why not knit or crochet a Beanie In celebration of fibre or Tea Cosy to fit our themes of Ballarat Winter Beanie, Country Beanie or a Tea Cosy – Country Garden. Patterns, entry forms and more information can be found at: www.rurallifestyleexpo.org.au.

Weaving, Spinning and Carding

Have you ever wanted to make a basket or find out how to turn a fleece into yarn? The ‘Ballarat Spinners and Weavers’ and Prue Simmons from ‘Dyeing to Weave’ will be on hand to show their skills. Another highlight will be demonstrations throughout the day on making Roman blinds to improve the energy efficiency of your home. Sarah West of Cosy Curtains and Blinds will demonstrate. Come along and meet the experts and see it being done. It might just be the start of a wonderful new hobby!

Lovely Things to Buy

Who doesn’t love to shop and in this pavilion you can enjoy purchasing from one of our talented traders including clothes, toys, fibre products, yarn and more.

More at the Expo

In its fifth year, The Weekly Times Rural Lifestyle Expo will offer something for everyone including food, farms, animals, gardens, sustainability and more. New this year are the Horse, Dog and Garden Zone and over 50 speakers, demos, information sessions and hundreds of trade sites, all to enjoy.