I had the opportunity to spend part of yesterday afternoon with a group of Year 7 students. Ms Callow and Mrs Jovanović and I were explaining to the group some of the history of buildings around the school and plans for the future.

One of the things that I like about this school is the degree to which students are able through projects to make a physical contribution to the school environment through their art work. The group of Year 7’s that I was with were preparing to produce a piece of work for the “Boulevard of Dreams”. It was a pleasure to see the degree of enthusiasm and interest in their school, equally it was wonderful to see yet another group of students working closely with one of the school’s treasures Lou Callow. We have much to look forward to if this group (as I am sure they do) reflects the nature and quality of the students coming through the school.

I wish everyone a safe and restful long weekend.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCE
Bacchus Marsh Grammar is currently hosting a group of students from Shibuya, Tokyo. Thank you to all the parents and families that support our international exchange programme by hosting students. The experiences that the host families gain from these cultural exchanges can be invaluable.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Senior School Parent Teacher interviews were held last Tuesday Year 11 and 12 students. If you required an interview and were/are unable to attend, 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. 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. Whilst 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.

When making an appointment, do not book consecutive appointments. Please allow 5 minutes between each appointment – travel time from teacher to teacher.

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

Junior School LOTE Week 7th – 11th March
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

Responsible Pet Education Primary School Program
An educator from The Responsible Pet Education Primary School Program will be visiting Prep and Year 1 students to present a 40 minute session on responsible pet ownership. Preps will participate on Thursday 10th March and Year 1 on Tuesday 22nd March.

The Program includes a dog visit, multimedia tools, role play, song and story time.

The Program focuses on teaching students about dog safety:
- When dogs should be left alone.
- Things we should not do to dogs.
- How can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry.
- A safe way to approach and greet a dog.
- What to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic
During week seven of this term the Prep Reception and Prep students will be introduced to Talking Tess from Letterland. Talking Tess represents the letter ‘Tt’ and to support this concept we will be holding a Teddy Bear’s Picnic. On Friday 11th March we are asking that all Prep Reception and Prep students bring their favourite teddy bear to school to take part in the ‘Teddy Bear’s Picnic’. Students will use their teddy bears throughout the day to participate in a variety of Literacy and Numeracy activities. The fun will conclude with the Prep Reception and Prep classes coming together with their teddy bears to have a picnic lunch.

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Sports Hub Term 2
During Term Two we will be offering sport on each night, Monday – Thursday. Junior School students of all ages are eligible to access the Sports Hub program.

As stated in the 2016 Business Notice the School has introduced a charge for the Sports Hub program for 2016 which will be $25 per student, per term, for each sport a student is registered to participate. The charge will be incurred at the time of registration and will be billed to the parents/guardians separately. Please note that the charge will not be refundable, either fully or partially, once it has been paid.
The late bus service operates on these nights. There is a $12.00 charge per trip for the use of this bus which is charged to your term fee account. Students who wish to use the late bus must be registered at the Administration office by the end of lunch on the proposed day of use. The late bus departs school around 4.30pm. Bus routes may be obtained via our website http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/enrolment/transport or by contacting the school on 5366 4800. If your child is to catch the late bus, please communicate this through your child’s diary.

Likewise, if your child is to attend the Learning Hub after the sport finishes, please indicate this clearly in your child’s diary. Appropriate forms would need to be completed for attendance at the Learning Hub Program. These can be obtained at the Administration office or via our website http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/learning-and-teaching/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=197.

Students will need to go to the School Gymnasium at 3.05p.m. Once organised, the children will be taken to the scheduled activities to enable them to participate in the designated activity. The Sports Hub Program operates from 3.00pm-4.30p.m. The students must provide their own drink bottle (or use bubble taps) and a healthy nutritious snack. Snacks will no longer be provided by the program. Students do get hungry at this time so please ensure the snack is provided.

Students in Years 3-6 may change into sports uniform for the activities however students in Years Prep –Year 2 may choose just to change into their runners for the activity if preferred. Students are not required to stay the entire time and may be picked up earlier if so desired. Places will be allocated on a first in basis. If filled, a waiting list will apply.

We plan to offer four sports during Term Two:

- Circus skills will operate on Monday ($25 per student per term)
- Basketball on Tuesday ($25 per student per term)
- AFL on Wednesday ($25 per student per term)
- Diamond Games on Thursday ($25 per student per term)

If your son/daughter would like to secure a position in the program, parents/guardians will need to logon to the myBMG-Parent Portal and make required payment in the ‘Events & Sales’ tab and return the attached completed student consent form no later than Thursday, 7th April 2016. This payment is not refundable. The portal will open to parents from midday Tuesday, 8th March 2016.

There are limited positions available and only students who confirm as attending and make payment on the Parent Portal will be confirmed as attending. Confirmation and payment are due no later than Thursday 7th April at midday, 2016. Confirmation of acceptance into chosen activity will be SMS to parents by Friday afternoon.

Parents of children who gain a place in the program can consider the position confirmed once payment has been cleared by the school.

If the chosen sport has reached its quota parents/guardians are able to register on a waiting list via a note in their child’s diary. Parents will be notified if a vacancy occurs.

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

2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Program 2017

Year 7 2017

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

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

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

Demonstrate the development of a skill/aptitude at the highest level in either:

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

Testing

All current Year 6 students are tested as part of the curriculum. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is not required.
Applicants for Year 7 2017 will be tested as part of the enrolment process on 5 March 2016. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is not required.

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

Payment

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

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

Year 9 2017

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

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

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

Demonstrate the development of a skill/aptitude at the highest level in either:

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

Testing

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

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

Payment

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

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

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 2017

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

All existing Scholarship holder arrangements stand.

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

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS

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
YEAR 6 NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS NEWS
On the 2nd of March some Year 6 student leaders attended an amazing experience called National Young Leaders Day. Some of the selected students’ roles include: House Captains, School Captains, Music Captains and IT Captains.

We got to school fairly early in the morning but regarding all the incredible activities we did and the people whom we got to meet we were all very thankful we did it in the end. The speakers we got to meet were Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want, Harry Baker, Dylan Parker, Kate Austin, Alan Duffy and many more.

We got some key advice on leadership skills and if there is one thing that I want all young leaders to remember it is to ‘master the little’, which means to focus on the little things that will eventually build up to the bigger things, after all “Rome wasn’t built in a day”. All the students of BMG who attended are grateful for the inspiration experience. The younger students at BMG have a lot to look forward to.

Kairav Ahuja

JS LIBRARY NEWS
2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Bacchus Marsh Grammar is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by September 14.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the privacy and consent form which was sent out this week.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

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


Feona West
Head of the Junior School Library

LOTE WEEK NEWS
Lote Week will wrap up on Friday 11th March with a mini food festival across the Junior and Senior schools. Thank you to all families who have support the event and those who have also adopted the new Qkr! app for ordering.

As there have been a large number of orders for crepes we will be working with the students on a roster system for collection on the day. This information will be circulated to students by their Tutor Teachers.

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.

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**STUDENT AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

“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

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**LONGEST LUNCH NEWS**

On Friday 4th March, 53 excited students from Years 9 to 12 went to St Anne’s winery to be wait staff for the longest lunch. The Longest lunch is an annual event lasting for three hours where guests consume a three course meal provided by Mark Mills and his team at the Plough Myrniong.

The aim of the lunch is to raise money for the Djerriwarrh Hospital in which over $14,000 was raised to buy new equipment and provide various different services to patients.

The students on the day did an amazing job in the 40 degree heat and the feedback from guests has been outstanding. Thankyou to all guests and volunteers of the day who helped made this opportunity happen.

Hannah Dunn
Year 12 Hospitality Prefect
Haileybury College Event
On Friday 19th February the Equestrian team headed off to Haileybury College at Ayr Hill to participate in the first round of the Interschool Showjumping for 2016. As it was an early start on Friday morning some of the team camped over night on Thursday to avoid the 4.00am wake up call!

Bacchus Marsh Grammar was well represented with a team of five riders and eight horses spread over all of the events. The students representing our school were; Chanel Radburn riding Chilli and Shazam, Hannah McLean on Incy Wincy Spider and Sweet Carnival, Abby MeLean riding Jarosile Griffinder, Mia McLean on Bridie and Maddison Buckner riding Shake ‘n’ Pop and Mt Robinsons Magic.

Everyone rode well and some personal bests were achieved. Hannah and Maddison placed in the top 10 in their respective sections out of 50 plus riders while Chanel bought home a 3rd place in the Grand Prix which put her into 4th place over all with 75 riders in her section! A great day was had by all the riders and we are all looking forward to the next competition. Well done team!

Geelong Grammar
Last Sunday the Equestrian team headed out to Geelong Grammar to compete in the 2nd round of the Barwon Interschools Show Jumping Series. Bacchus Marsh had a team of 6 riders and 7 horses; Maddison Buckner riding Shake ‘n’ Pop and Mt Robinsons Magic, Olivia Peterson riding Jason, Briana Peterson on Glen Rose Neo, Olivia Caon on Archie, Kellie Pettifer on Bobcat and our youngest member of the day Ben Peterson riding Woody.

Maddison came home with a 5th place ribbon in the Progressive section and Ben did the team proud with a 4th and 6th ribbon placing him 6th overall in the Freshman’s Primary section. Everyone had a great day out watching and supporting each other.

Maddison Buckner 11C
**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](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

**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](http://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 9.30am (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.

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 ie 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/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.

Luke Robertson
Information Systems Support Officer

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT NEWS

DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE
A reminder to parents on the etiquette and appropriate use of the drop off/pick up zone:

DROP OFF
Please do not begin conversations upon entering the drop off zone – there are a number of parents who appear to engage in conversations with other parents and students at the point of departure.
Please do not use your mobile phone when entering, standing in or departing the zone.
Where possible, ensure your children are organised and have their bags where they can reach and gather them without you having to leave your seat.
Please do not get out of the vehicle unless it is absolutely necessary.
Ensure your children disembark from the vehicle in a safe and prompt fashion and from the left hand side of the car. Follow the directions of the crossing supervisors, staff members on duty and traffic signs and directional arrows as indicated.
Follow the speed limit in the car park.
**PICK UP**

Ensure that your child understands the importance of moving quickly from their classroom to the pick-up zone so they are waiting for you at the zone.

Do not arrive early and block other cars from entering the zone.

If your child is not waiting for you, please drive around and park your car so you can investigate their whereabouts.

Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop off zone.

Please ensure that grandparents/friends who collect your children are aware of the school’s expectations in relation to the drop off zone.

*Remember the drop off zone is a “kiss and go” zone. Your assistance in following the above points will ensure that the drop off zone flows in an ordered and steady manner.*

A reminder to all families that the South Maddingley Road visitor parking *(in front of the Administration Building)* is not to be utilised by students as a “Drop off and Pick Up” area between the following times:

- **Before School:** 8.00AM - 8.45AM
- **After School:** 3.05PM – 3.30PM

It is far too dangerous for cars to be reversing onto South Maddingley Road during the bus times.

We would also like to remind families that it is illegal to text and utilise mobile phones whilst driving and this includes within the School car parks. All drivers should have full concentration on their surroundings particularly whilst in School zones and near school crossings.

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**Late Bus Service**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY PM:**

- 4.30 Depart Bacchus Marsh Grammar
- 4.55 Coburns Central near Safeway Petrol Station (Coburns Road, Melton)
- 5.10 Caroline Springs Boulevard (service rd just after Chisholm Dr roundabout)
- 5.30 514 Derrimut Rd (Service Road between Rebecca Prm and Baden Powell Drive)
- 5.35 Werribee Plaza (Corner Derrimut Rd and Baggott Drive)
- 5.45 Werribee Railway Station
- 5.50 Corner Ballan Road and Whitton Grove
- 5.52 Corner Ballan Road and Manor Lakes Blvd (Shopping Centre Bus Interchange)

**School Early Leavers**

A reminder to all students and parents: if a student is required to leave school early for any reason, please ensure that your child has a signed note in their diary. This note must be sighted and counter signed by their Year Level Coordinator or Teacher, Mr Richardson or Mrs O’Day.

Parents are required to arrange to meet their child at the Main Office in order to sign out in the Early Leavers Register.

Please note students are not permitted to have mobile phones switched on during School hours.

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**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 childrens uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another students property. Any items that may have been mistakenly taken home maybe brought to the Main Administration for distribution back to the correct family.

**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](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au) and either register as a parent or log-in if you’re already registered.
UNIFORM SHOP

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On Campus Uniform Shop

Holiday Hours

**Last day Term 1**

Wednesday 23rd March 12.30 – 4.30
Closed on Good Friday

**OPEN**

Wednesday 6th April 10-2
Thursday 7th April 10-2
Friday 8th April 10-2

**Term 2 Begins**

Resume regular hours Monday 11th April 12.30 – 4.30

“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

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.

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 Lederderg 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 (12-17years) Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm

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

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

Open Day
176 Gisborne Road, Darley

Cycle 1
3 year old kinder: 9+hrs
4 year old kinder: 15+hrs

Toddlers
2.5-3 years: 4hrs per week

Early Learners
18 months-2.5 years
(Parent/carer stays: 1.5 hrs)

Limited spaces available for 2016

Making the decision about your child’s education is one of the most important responsibilities you have as a parent. Take some time to reflect, ask questions about your child’s education, and explore your options. Come & meet with us and visit our preschool and learn more about our authentic program

**Admissions open for 2017**
Children’s Art Stall
Ballan Autumn Festival
March 20th 2016

- MUSIC for Kids
- FRUIT Lucky Dip
- Paint your own BUNNY BANKS!

Just look for the Best Start Banner,
Come along, it’s all FREE!