FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Major work has commenced on the main quadrangle outside the Administration Building. This is designed to lift this part of the school which has not been worked on in any meaningful way for almost 15 years. A second phase of redevelopment in that area will commence after significant works in the center of the school over the next 18 months.

It has been an extremely busy time for our students who have been out and about at a range of events and educational opportunities. The one thing that is fed back to me in relation to all of these activities is how well presented and what marvelous ambassadors our students are for both themselves and the school. It is quite possible to go overboard about these things but I do, after many years, feel our students do have a manner about them which is both confident and caring that is going to stand them in good stead for the wider world.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

Bacchus Marsh Grammar School 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 3 of the full version of the newsletter

SCHOOL UNIFORM – JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOL

Full (winter) School Uniform is to be worn from the beginning of Term Two.

Please check full (winter) uniforms over the term break to ensure that they comply with school regulations, to avoid any unnecessary consequences.

On days that are forecast to be unseasonably warm (greater than 25°) students may wear their Summer Uniform.

If your child is considering an “alternative” hair style, or extra piercings, please contact Mrs O’Day or myself for clarification on what is acceptable.

INTERIM REPORTS/PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim Reports for all students, Years 7 to 10, and Term One Descriptive Reports for VCE/VCAL students are to be posted home during the Term One/Two holiday break. Please refer to the Interim and Descriptive reports in relation to the concerns and advice as given re: studies and school work.

Parent Teacher interviews for years 8, 9 and 10 will occur on the following evenings:

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

IMPORTANT DATES

17 Mar 16  SS Athletics Carnival- Werribee
18 Mar 16  SS Tornelo Chess Competition
20 Mar 16  Year 12 Geography Lecture – Melbourne Uni
21 Mar 16  Prep Parent Helper Workshop
21-24 Mar  Year 12 VCE/VET Lunch Performances
21 Mar 16  Year 9E, 9F & 9G Leadership Program
21-24 Mar  Year 9C & 9D Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
22 Mar 16  JS Assembly – Gymnasium 9AM
22 Mar 16  JS WMR Swimming
22 Mar 16  Year 1 Incursion Responsible Pet Education
22 Mar 16  Year 9A & 9B Local Experience - Bald hill
23 Mar 16  Year 4 Excursion – Ballarat Wildlife Park
24 Mar 16  Prep-Year 4 Easter Craft Morning
24 Mar 16  Prep Easter Bonnet Parade
24 Mar 16  End of Term 1 – Earlier finish times
JS -2.05pm, SS – 2.15pm Busses will coincide with the early finish times.
7-8 Apr “Hairspray” Holiday Rehearsals
11 Apr 16  Term 2 Commences staff & students

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Administration Office Hours

During Term Time:
Monday to Friday: 8:15am to 5:00pm
[Reception is contactable until 6:00pm for any urgent or bus related issues during term time]

Easter Break and School Holiday Hours:
The Office will close for Term 1 on Thursday 24 March at 5:00pm [Reception will be contactable until 6:00pm for any urgent or bus related issues] The Office will re-open on: Wednesday 30 March at 9:30am Office Hours during School Holidays is 9:30am to 3:30pm Weekdays

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E-Mail: school@bmg.vic.edu.au
When making an appointment, do not book consecutive appointments for different teachers. Allow 5 minutes between each appointment – travel time from teacher to teacher.

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

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS
Thursday 24th March is the last day of Term 1. The finishing time for students on this Thursday will be at 2:15pm. All bus schedules have been altered to suit the early finish. Please make arrangements to collect your child from the bus stop at the earlier time.

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM TWO
Commencement day for students is Monday the 11th April. Week 1 of the Senior School Timetable will operate from the commencement of Term 2.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Assembly
The next Junior School assembly will be conducted on Tuesday 22nd March at 9.00am in the Gymnasium. The following items will feature at this assembly:
- Prep Choir
- Year 3/4 Choir
- Year 6 – Young Leaders Day

Congratulations to the following students who will be awarded their Junior School Colours:
Kairav Ahuja          Jemma Collins
Charlotte Gowland    Xavier Hasiotis-Welch
Oliver Morin          Hannah Slee

Responsible Pet Education Primary School Program
An educator from The Responsible Pet Education Primary School Program will be visiting Year 1 students to present a 40 minute session on responsible pet ownership 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.

Term One 2016 Sports offered:

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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 www.bmg.vic.edu.au 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 3.05pm. 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-4.30pm. 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.

Prep Parent Helpers – Expression of Interest
The Prep Team at Bacchus Marsh Grammar are looking for approximately 10 – 15 parents to be involved in the ‘Parent Helper’ program.

The Prep classes require parent helpers to assist with the running of Literacy Rotations from 9:00 – 9:45am on a daily basis starting in Term Two and continuing until the end of the school year. We are looking for parents who:
- Have experience working with children (kinder duty, sporting clubs, childcare, teaching etc)
- Are willing to make a commitment until the end of the 2016 school year
- Understand the importance of confidentiality (student progress should not be discussed with anyone except the classroom teacher). Any breach of confidentiality will result in you being removed from the parent helper program.
- Have undergone a Working with Children Check
- Compulsory attendance at the ‘Parent Helper’ workshop on Monday 21st March, 2016 from 9:00am – 9:30am in the Junior School Library.

An integral part of the Prep English curriculum is the running of ‘Literacy Rotations’. These rotations take place at the beginning of every school day and the aim is to expose the students to all areas of Literacy including phonics, sight words and reading. Literacy Rotations also encourage students to take turns and work co-operatively in a small group. The Prep teachers believe that the students gain more from Literacy Rotations when certain groups are guided by an adult as this helps students to stay on task and encourages participation from all within the group.

As a ‘Parent Helper’ your job will be instructed by the classroom teacher to assist a small group of students with a Literacy activity which could include sight word games, tic tac toe, using magnetic letters, silly sentences, word games, bingo etc.

If you are considered to be suitable as a ‘Parent Helper’ you will be contacted via your child’s diary by Tuesday 15th March and you will automatically be enrolled into the ‘Parent Helper’ workshop.

Regional Swimming Sports-Tuesday 22nd March 2016
Selected students will represent the Western Rangers Division at this year’s Regional swimming carnival after outstanding performance(s) at the Western Rangers Divisional swimming carnival and at the BMPSSA swimming carnival.

The Regional swimming sports carnival is being held on Tuesday 22nd March at Kardinia Aquatic Centre, Park lane, South Geelong. The Bacchus Marsh Grammar staff member attending the event will be Rachel Peterken. We will have a bus available to us leaving from Bacchus Marsh Grammar at 8.45am to enable a warm up session at the pool. The program will start at 10.00am. The bus will be leaving the pool at 2.00pm in order to return to school for regular bus times. We envisage returning to school by 3.15pm. This may mean that if your child is to return to school by bus, then your child may miss an event if they are racing after this time.

Year 4 Excursion-Ballarat Wildlife Park
This excursion will take place on Wednesday 23rd March. We will be travelling by bus and will be departing school at 9.00am. Following our Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion, we will travel by bus to Eureka Park in Ballarat to eat lunch, before returning to school. Students are required to wear the correct summer school uniform, and will need to bring their drink, snacks and lunch packed into their BMG school bag or sports bag. Money is not needed as students will not have the opportunity to purchase anything on the day. All students will be returning to school by bus and will be dismissed at the normal time of 3:05pm.

EASTER BONNET PARADE & EASTER CRAFT ACTIVITIES

On Thursday 24th March the Prep Reception and Prep students will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade followed by Easter Craft Activities. The parade will take place on the asphalt area outside the Prep classrooms from 9:00 – 9:30am. At the completion of the parade we invite all parents to participate in some Easter activities in your child’s classroom from 9:30am – 10:20am.
The Year One to Year Four
The Year One to Year 4 students are celebrating Easter through a morning of Easter craft activities. We would like to invite parents to join their child in the classroom on Thursday 24th March from 9.00 am until 10.20 am, and participate in a variety of fun Easter activities.

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

2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

News

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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.

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 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
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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
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

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

Feona West
Head of the Junior School Library

JS SPORTS
NEWS

Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships.
For the first time ever, Bacchus Marsh Grammar are entering a team/s in the Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships.
The Championships are to be held at Mt Buller from August 22 – 28.
If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Mr Nick Sher at school by phone on 5366 4888 or via email at shern@bmg.vic.edu.au .

Nick Sher
**SRC NEWS**

**FINAL REMINDER**

**BMG Easter Raffle 2016**

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**. Donations for the raffle may be sent to school up until Friday.

Tickets and money are now due. Please 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.

**MUSIC NEWS**

**VCE Top Class**

Last Thursday March 10th, Music staff and YR10-12 Music students attended two concerts as a part of the VCE Top Class in Music at the Melbourne Recital Centre.

It was a valuable insight not only for this year’s YR12 Music students but also for younger students approaching VCE to see the standard required to achieve top marks in VCE Music. It was particularly pleasing to have last year’s BMG student, Andreas Moutzouris performing in the Top Class series this year, as a result of his outstanding results in Music Investigation in 2015.

Many thanks to the Music staff, Mr Steven Bell, Mrs Olivia Leggieri, Miss Sarah Wierzbicka, and Mr Troy Westgarth for their assistance on the day.

Dean Thomas
Director of Music

**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.

Belinda Lipscombe
Head of Year 8

**SS SPORTS NEWS**

“**From the Gym**”

**ICCES Swimming/ Badminton and Table Tennis**

What a fantastic day the BMG Mustangs had last Tuesday at the ICCES Swimming Carnival and the ICCES Badminton and Table Tennis Tournaments. The Swimming Team had been selected after the House Swimming Sports earlier in the term and had been training hard on a Tuesday night at Melton Waves with our swimming coach Mr Kyle Burton. All events on the day were hotly contested and swimmers had to swim either State times or extremely close to these times to even place in an event. Throughout the day Team BMG maintained a position in the top four and finally finished in a very successful fourth place. Final placings were as follows;

**Overall Combined Results**

1st – Gippsland Grammar – 1020
2nd – Girton Grammar – 976
3rd – Ballarat Grammar – 975
4th – Bacchus Marsh Grammar – 841
5th – Goulburn Valley Grammar – 654
6th – Braemar College – 635
7th – Hamilton College – 599
8th - Highview – 250

As well as coming fourth overall on Aggregate Bacchus Marsh Grammar athletes also won individual Age Group Champions Awards;

Year 10 Boys – Jack Carr
Year 9 Girls – Jaime Paterson
Jack Carr also broke two ICCES records on the day in the following events; 
50m Freestyle – 25.58  
50m Backstroke – 29.71

Congratulations should not only go to the Team who swam brilliantly but also to the Coach Mr. Kyle Burton and the Physical Education staff that managed the team, headed by Mrs. Debra Ogston.

Whilst our Swimming Team were performing admirably in the MSAC pool the Badminton and Table Tennis Teams were competing in the world class sporting facilities also at MSAC. Both teams had been chosen after a lengthy training and selection process and the best three athletes in two divisions, both male and female were selected.

In the badminton hall the students played extremely well and were Runners up in the Senior Boys Division, only being beaten overall by a couple of points. Our other age group teams finished 4th Junior Girls, 5th senior Girls and 6th Junior Boys. This resulted in a 5th place overall on a count back in the Aggregate Shield.

The Table Tennis athletes also performed fantastically and final results will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Overall the BMG Mustangs Teams that competed at the first ICCES events for 2016 have set an extremely high standard for the rest of the athletes in the school and we look forward to the athletics in term two.

**Fantastic Individual Sporting Success**

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

- **Elizabeth Nuspan** – UBWestVic Scholarship Athlete/ Elite Sports – Competed at the Victorian Criterim Cycling Championships U/17 won the Gold medal in this event. Elizabeth has had a fantastic summer on the road and we look forward to more outstanding results during the Winter Road Season.

- **Sophie McMinimee** UBWestVic/ Elite Sports Athlete – Competed at the National Junior Athletic Championships in Perth last week and finished a fantastic 6th in the 3km with a 5sec PB of 10min15 and 10th in the 1500m with a 4min44secs. These were well earned results in difficult conditions and reflects the great work Sophie has been putting in on the track.

- **Julia Bourke** UBWestVic/ Elite Sports Athlete - finished 4th in Shot Put with 13.38m and 6th in Hammer Throw with 48.02m in the U/20 Australian Athletic Championships in Perth as a bottom Age athlete. A great result and bodes well for the future.

- **Jack Carr** UBWestVic/ Elite Sports Athlete – Competed in Tasmania at their State Swimming Championships and won Gold in the 200m freestyle, Silver in 200m butterfly and individual medley and Bronze in the 400m individual medley. Congratulations on wonderful results and we wish him goodluck at the Australian Championships in two weeks.

- **Caleb Noonan** UBWestVic/ Elite Sports Athlete – Competed at the Tennis Victoria Packenham Labour Day Ranking Tournament on the weekend and won both the boys singles and doubles. This is an outstanding result for Caleb and reflects the hard work he has been putting in on the court.

- **Ronan Keleher** – Tae Kwondo. Ronan fought in the Moomba Victorian Tae Kwondo Tournament on the weekend and dominated the under 41kg class winning a Gold Medal in the sparring. This follows on from Ronan representing Australia last year in Korea at the Korean International Tae Kwondo event. Ronan continues to impress all around him with his maturity and dedication.

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

**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
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;  

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!

Qkr! By MasterCard is now at Bacchus Marsh Grammar  
*Please ensure when you set up your children’s hyperlink  
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

CANCEEN

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*CPlease note* from Monday 15th March through to the end of Term 1 the canteen will not be open at lunchtime or recess for counter service. Lunch orders only will be provided.

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 – 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
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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 carparks. All drivers should have full concentration on their surroundings particularly whilst in School zones and near school crossings.

PFA NEWS

Next PFA Meeting
Wed 23rd March at 7pm
Flanagans Inn, Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
All welcome Please RSVP by Monday 21st your attendance to Monica Slattery - Slattery04@bigpond.com

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.

Late Bus Service
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY PM:
4.30 Depart Bacchus Marsh Grammar
4.55 Coburns Central near Safeway Petrol Station (Coburns Road, Melton)
5.10 Caroline Springs Boulevard (service rd just after Chisholm Dr roundabout)
5.30 514 Derrimut Rd (Service Road between Rebecca Prm and Baden Powell Drive)
5.35 Werribee Plaza (Corner Derrimut Rd and Baggott Drive)
5.45 Werribee Railway Station

5.50 Corner Ballan Road and Whitton Grove
5.52 Corner Ballan Road and Manor Lakes Blvd (Shopping Centre Bus Interchange)

School Early Leavers
A reminder to all students and parents: if a student is required to leave school early for any reason, please ensure that your child has a signed note in their diary. This note must be sighted and counter signed by their Year Level Coordinator or Teacher, Mr Richardson or Mrs O’Day. Parents are required to arrange to meet their child at the Main Office in order to sign out in the Early Leavers Register.

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

UNIFORM NEWS

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
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 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

Women’s Forum
Thursday 17th of March, 10am at the St Andrew’s Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh.

Topic: Toddlers (the terrible twos/threes)
Speaker: Kim Sellwood (MCH Nurse)
Cost: Free!

This new forum is organised by the Bacchus Marsh Uniting Church and aims to provide social connection & information on a variety of topics of interest to mothers of babies or young children. All Welcome!

Each quarter, a guest speaker will be present to share their expertise. A brief reflection and prayer will then lead into morning tea. Free coffee, tea and cake provided! For further information phone 5367 2543.

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.

Sunday 20th
March 2016 5-7 pm
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Gisborne Rd
Bacchus Marsh (next door to McDonalds)
All ages welcome

To find out more: www.bacchusmarshanglican.org.au or phone 5367 5362

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.

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
For children 6 to 11 years of age.

The BMBA is fully aware of the need to provide an introduction for younger children to the game of basketball and begin the process of slowly improving their basketball knowledge and basic skills at a much earlier age.

So with these objectives in mind, we are running a basketball clinic over the school holidays based on having fun whilst learning basic basketball skills.

- **Age Group:** 6 to 11 years of age
- **Date:** Weds - 6th Apr 16
- **Time:** 9.30am – 12.00pm
- **Cost:** $5.00 - per player

**Note: Registration & payment on the Day.**

All children are required to be in attendance at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre (30) minutes prior to the commencement time shown above, with a drink bottle and pumped up basketball.

These sessions are open to all children within the Bacchus Marsh Community, including for those children who may want to further develop their basketball skills or for those who may just want to give basketball a try for the first time.

So no matter what your child’s present skill level - there will be a coach available to work with them directly to improve their specific basketball skills.

For any other questions please call Wayne Slack on 0409 078400 or by email at waynes@rvision.com.au.

☆ Proudly supported by the Bacchus Marsh Basketball Assoc (BMBA).

http://www.bacchusmarsh.basketball.net.au
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

Sat 19th March
10am - 2pm

Phone: 5367 7706   Email: bmmontessori@gmail.com   Web: www.bacchusmarshmontessori.com.au

**Admissions open for 2017**
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.
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!
Bacchus Marsh EasterFest

MADDINGLEY PARK, STATION ST, BACCHUS MARSH

- Egg Hunt’s (1-13 years)
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Rides and Amusements
- Visits from the Easter Bunny
- Stage Entertainment
- Markets
- Food

Good Friday
25th March 2016

9:00am- 4:00pm

Purchase tickets at: WWW.TICKETEBO.COM.AU/BMEF
Email: bm.easterfest@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/BM.EasterFest/