It was pleasing to see the French Exchange students arrive home this week. I would like to thank Jenny Jovanovic and Ganisha Doma for supervising our students during their trip to France. Whilst at times it may seem glamorous to be taking students overseas, the reality is that it is demanding work with little time for a break. We are fortunate that we have staff willing and able to support so many of our overseas opportunities.

All of our overseas trips are, I believe, exceptionally well organized with considerable emphasis on risk assessment. Recent changes to Victorian Legislation may require some modifications in the nature and range of opportunities that we offer. I have started a full review of all aspects of overseas trips to ensure that we remain fully compliant with all actual and implied changes brought about by new legislation.

As the weather continues to be so mild the normal requirements in relation to the wearing of summer uniform continue to apply for Terms 2 and 3. If the weather forecast predicts a temperature of 25 or over then students may elect to wear their summer uniform. I would ask that students do not “mix and match” summer and full school uniform but wear one or the other in full. Equally, whilst I am on uniform we seem to have an outbreak of students with shirts out and anoraks as top garments. If the weather is warm enough to wear shorts than a blazer is sufficient as a top article of clothing. Equally, I expect all students to be wearing the uniform properly both at school and when they are off school grounds.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

SENIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, the Senior School held an ANZAC Day service. Thank you to the Senior School Prefects Kieran McKenzie, Hannah Dunne, Lachlan West, Hollie Cassar, Bailey Aven, Georgia Devenish and Emma Rosario for their presentation of the ANZAC Requiem, Speech and the Ode. Thank you to the Senior Vocal Group, conducted by Mrs Hewson for their performance of the song “Spirit of the Anzacs” and also, thank you to Mr. Clare and Year 10 Student, Owen Pugh for their playing of “The Last Post” and “Reveille.”

Thank you to Mr Mete and Ms Martin and History Department for their involvement and presentation at the ANZAC Service. The pictorial presentation to the student cohort captured the spirit of what ANZAC day represents, remembering all past and present members of the community that has been affected by war.

Also, thank you to Brianna Peterson, Angus Lovell, Kieran McKenzie, Hannah Dunne, Lachlan West, Hollie Cassar, Bailey Aven, Georgia Devenish and Emma Rosario, Senior School Leaders for representing Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the local ANZAC Day Dawn Service held at the RSL hall in Bacchus Marsh.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the Parents and students who attended the Parent Teacher Interviews over the past week. The focus for this round of Parent-Teacher interviews is to get a brief overview of how your child is progressing.

If you, as a parent, have significant concerns re: your child’s progress, an alternative meeting would be appropriate. If after your parent teacher interview, you have concerns that you would like further addressed, please contact your child’s Year Level Coordinator or myself to arrange time to further discuss your concerns.

If you were unable to attend, please contact your child’s teacher for an interview time that is mutually suitable. If concerns were raised and further discussion is required, please contact your child’s Year Level Coordinator and/or teacher to arrange a time for a more detailed interview.

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM - JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOOL

As of the beginning of this week, the full (winter) school uniform is required to be worn by all students. Students need also be reminded that wearing blazers to and from school is compulsory and that a neat, tidy presentation is required when wearing the school uniform.

If the weather forecast is to be 25 degrees or higher, summer uniform may be worn.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Co-curricular Program 2016
The program will not operate on the following Wednesday afternoons:

- Wednesday 25th May    AGM
- Wednesday 27th July    Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 31st August           Year 5&6 Musical

Junior School House Athletic Carnival

1. Year 3-6 Junior School House Athletics-Qualified students’ only, Selection process for BMPSSA and District representation - Friday 29th April.

This carnival will be conducted under the rules and guidelines of the BMPSSA. ONLY students who have qualified for events through the trial program conducted over the past three weeks during sport, will participate in this day. The program will begin at 9.00am and conclude by 3.00pm. Junior School House Coordinators will collate their teams from the information gained over the past 3 weeks in PE classes and trials at sport time. Students will be notified of events in which they will participate, if they have qualified under the rules and guidelines of the BMPSSA. Lists of competitors will be placed in and around the R block, in the display cabinet and the F block. Students will record in their diary events they have been selected to participate in and parents of competitors will be notified by a note sent home with your child. As with House Swimming, students will have an opportunity to compete in a maximum of 4 individual events and 1 relay. The 4 fastest 100 metre times will be the students who compete in the relay event at the next level, not the winning relay team at our house carnival.

Students in Years 3-6 who do not qualify to participate, will have normal classes on this day.

Year 5 and 6 students, who do not qualify to participate, will be taken to spectate and cheer on their house, during their scheduled sport time from 1.30pm and where practical, during some of the scheduled field events. Students competing are required to wear full sports uniform to and from school on this day. Depending on weather, your child will need to bring their school hat and sun screen for use on the day and to ensure they have their drink bottle. If the weather turns cooler then students may need their school anorak.

Parents and friends are welcome to join us for the Junior School House Athletics-Qualified students’ only, Year 3-6 -Selection process for BMPSSA and District representation.
Year Two students are learning about Dinosaurs. To extend their knowledge of this topic the Year Two students will be undertaking an excursion to Melbourne Museum and the IMAX Theatre in Carlton.

This excursion will take place on **Tuesday 3rd May**. We will be travelling into the city by bus and will be departing school at 9.00 am sharp. **Students must be at school by 8.45 am so we can get organized.** We are booked into our first program at 10.00am, so it is important that our bus departs on time. Unfortunately, this means we cannot wait for students who are late. **Students who arrive late to school will remain at school for the day.**

Students will need to bring their snack and lunch (this includes their drinks) in separate paper or plastic bags. Please ensure your child’s name is written clearly on both bags. They are required to wear full school uniform and are advised to bring their school spray jackets if rain is forecast.

Students will be returning to school and will be dismissed at the normal time of 3.05pm.

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**NAPLAN Testing Schedule**

*Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests as follows:*

- **Tuesday 10th May** Language Conventions
- **Tuesday 10th May** Writing
- **Wednesday 11th May** Reading
- **Thursday 12th May** Numeracy

If parents have any questions or concerns about the NAPLAN testing, please speak to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

**Important Dates in the Junior School:**

**April**

- **29** Year 3-6 Junior School House Athletics- Qualified students’ only, -Selection process for BMPSSA and District representation

**May**

- **3** Year 2 Excursion-Melbourne Museum
- **6** House Cross Country
  - Prep – 2 Periods 1 & 2
  - Years 3-4 Periods 3 & 4
  - Years 5-6 Periods 5 & 6
- **10** National Testing- Language Conventions and Writing
- **11** National Testing- Reading
- **11** Vietnam and Cambodia Study Tour 1 Parent/student dinner
- **12** National Testing- Numeracy
- **13** BMPSSA Athletics Carnival
- **17** Year 3 Excursion-MCG
- **18** BMPSSA Cross Country Periods 3 & 4
- **20** Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day – selected times

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For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

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.

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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

SS PRODUCTION

NEWS

Hairspray is now in its final month of rehearsal! A Term Two rehearsal schedule has now been posted on Moodle for students to access. Please note that there are extended rehearsals at BMG on Wednesdays, April 20 and April 27, and also the all-day rehearsal on Friday, April 29. These three rehearsals will conclude at 5pm and students will need to be collected from Wilson Hall. The late bus is not available for the later finish.

A note outlining the schedule for Production Week will be sent home shortly. Please keep this information handy and return the appropriate section regarding travel arrangements to ensure we are aware of your plans. Looking forward to seeing you at the show!

Tickets on Sale Now!!

Bacchus Marsh Grammar presents the musical classic “Hairspray”. This production features a huge cast of talented young actors, singers, dancers and musicians. This will be an entertaining and affordable show that appeals to all ages.

Dates: Friday 6th May Official Opening Night 7.30pm
        Saturday 7th May 2.00pm
        Saturday 7th May 7.30pm

Venue: Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds
        750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039
        (03) 9243 9191

Tickets: Prices - Adults $8
         Students - $5
         Family $21 (includes 2 Adults & 2 Children)
Tickets will be available from Monday 11th April 2016 and may be purchased via the Box Office: ph 9243 9191 OR online at - clocktowercentre.com.au

**Free Friday Matinee Dress Rehearsal Performance**

The school will be offering a free limited seating matinee performance for the wider community on Friday 6th May at 11.30am. **Tickets for this performance will only be available via the school from Monday 18th April and must be collected in person.**

To obtain tickets for this performance please send an email to the school email school@bmg.vic.edu.au with ‘**Hairspray Friday Matinee**’ in the subject line or alternatively contact the school on 5366 4800. **Tickets will be distributed on a “request received” priority. Tickets for this performance will be available for collection from the school from Monday 18th April 2016.** The performance will be held at the Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 (03) 9243 9191.

The Hairspray Production Team

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**LOTE NEWS**

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**THE 2016 BMG TRIP TO JAPAN**

*Where:* Tokyo, Nagasaki, Kyoto, Kumamoto-Japan  
*When:* 3rd September -24th September, 2016  
*How:* By planes, trains and automobiles  
*Cost:* $4,500 approximate plus spending money  
*Who:* Any students from Years 9-12  
*Why:* Because it is fun and you get to experience a new culture  

**What to see:** Temples, gardens, tea ceremonies, schools, theme parks, big department stores, traditional houses, festivals, calligraphy classes, noodle making classes, fast trains, subway trains, big crowds, karaoke stores, sushi restaurants, bowls of rice, hi tech vending machines and much more…….

If anyone is interested in going, then please get in contact with Mr. Love for more details. You can also visit the parent portal on the school website.

****The cut off will be at the end of May. If numbers are low, the tour will be cancelled.

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**CAREERS NEWS**

Edition 3 of the BMG Careers Newsletter is available on the school website. A special feature of this term includes an on campus event: our annual BMG Careers Expo. At this expo, a number of major institutions and organisations will be showcasing their post education and training options to students in Years 10-12.

**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

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson  
Career Development Practitioners

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**SETS AND PROPS REQUIRED FOR THE JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSICAL**

The BMG Junior School Musical Sets and Props team are attempting to source the following items for this year’s Junior School Musical, ‘**Getting to Know the Sound of Music**’:

- Tapestry Carpet Bag  
- Old or Old Looking Suitcase  
- A velvet case – like those used for a pen, watch or jewellery  
- A small desk  
- An elegant period-looking couch  
- One or two period style arm chairs  
- Guitar and guitar case (hard case)

These items will be used as sets and props for the duration of the musical and can be returned to you after the final performance.

If you are able to supply any of these items, please contact Sian Rawlinson rawlinsons@bmg.vic.edu.au  
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BMG HIGH TEAS

High Teas will be conducted on the following dates:

- Thursday 28 April – French Theme
- Thursday 5 May – Winter Wonderland
- Thursday 12 May – Vintage Theme
- Thursday 19 May – Indoor Picnic Theme
- Thursday 26 May – Baby Blue & White Theme

Cost: $10.00 per person (children no charge)
Time: 9:15am to 10:30am
Venue: BMG Café

To book, please contact Reception on 5366 4800

SS SPORTS NEWS

“From the Gym”

ICCES Athletics

Congratulations to all the Athletes that have been chosen in the BMG Mustangs Athletics Team to compete in the ICCES Athletics Carnival on May the 5th at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne. Events will start at 11.30 am. Training for the Team will continue to be on Tuesday nights directly after school. Students are reminded to return their bus permission slips ASAP. Any queries regarding the Team please see Mrs Ogston, Team Manager.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Karate Athletes win Australian School and University Championships

Congratulations goes out the BMG Karate Athletes representing Shindo Karate Bacchus Marsh who took out the Australian Schools Teams Championships last week in Sydney. It was a dominant performance with;
- Gold – Max Noble and Eliza Wales
- Silver – Tanai Newman Coverdale and Jacob Attard
- Bronze – Emilee Attard, Emily Thistlethwaite and Amy Thistlethwaite

As well as this result BMG athletes also were then successful in the Australian Open Championships;
- Gold – Emily Thistlethwaite, Emilee Attard, Ben De Bortoli, Max Noble and Ella Ryder
- Silver – Amy Thistlethwaite and Ben De Bortoli
- Bronze – Zahli De Bortoli and Eliza Wales

This is a magnificent achievement by all athletes and a huge congratulations must go to both Annie and Wayne Noble from Shindo Karate in Bacchus Marsh who continue to train and produce World Class Athletes.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

With the start of term 2 the canteen no longer makes fruit salad.

We are now making soup and a bread roll for $4.50.

Please remember that wedges are only available on a Monday for juniors and Tuesdays for seniors. If they are ordered on any other day a sweet chilli chicken roll is substituted for them.

The canteen stocks soothers and butter menthols for $2.00 a pack.

Have a healthy and happy week
Canteen Reminders

- 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.
Junior School Mother’s Day Stall
Monday 2nd May
$5.00 per gift
$2.00 handmade cards
Please supply a bag so that your gifts come home safely.

Mother’s Day Breakfast
Friday 6th May, Wilson Hall
7.30-8.45 am
SOLD OUT! Thank you for your support!

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 Update – SMS Communication

In October last year the School communicated that Bacchus Marsh Coaches would be able to SMS parents any delays to morning services. If you returned the slip granting permission for the School to forward your contact details to the bus company, then this service is now operational.

For any delays in the afternoons, the School will continue to SMS parents.

If you have any questions, please contact Casey Ryder on 5366 4800.

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.

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.

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

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.

On Campus Uniform Shop
“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

The Grammar Weekly
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

administration

The Bacchus Marsh Grammar Office is open during the following times during school term:

Monday to Friday: 8:15am to 5:00pm
[Reception phone is monitored to 6:00pm for urgent bus issues]

community

Djerriwarrh Health Services
Mother’s Day Lunch

@ St Bernard’s Parish Centre
Friday 6th May 11.30-3.30

Includes 2 Course Meal & Champagne
Live Entertainment # Raffle # Door prizes
Tickets $50.00
Book Now Contact Nadine 0431 444 920

Attachments:
- Junior House Athletics Carnival Schedule
- Moorabool Light Orchestra Flyer

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Alternatively you can download the newsletter from our website,
view it on our BMG Mobile App
or collect a copy from the Administration Office.

* PLEASE NOTE: From this week ‘The Grammar Weekly in Brief’ will no
longer be printed and distributed to students to take home.
### Junior School House Athletics Carnival 2016

- **Location:** Braeside – Lanes 1 & 5, Bacchus – Lanes 3 & 7, Pentland – Lanes 2 & 6, Hilton – Lanes 4 & 8
- **Dates:** Thursday 28th and Friday 29th April

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