FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to congratulate all Athletes on their efforts at the recent ICES Competition, where the school came fourth. This is our best effort to date and I would particularly like to acknowledge Rachel Jackson, James Di Pretoro and Shani Bullard who were declared Age Group Champions at the Competition.

The weekend also saw the school production of Hairspray performed before packed audiences. The quality of music, dance and performance was outstanding. I would like to congratulate all students involved in the production and the wonderful efforts of staff, parents and friends in making this performance such a delight to watch. The tradition of the BMG Musical as a must attend activity continues to grow!

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following students from Year 7 for being awarded Principal’s Awards for excellence in Karate.

Jacob Attard - 7A
Amy Thistlethwaite - 7B
Tanai Newman-Coverdale - 7D

It is pleasing to hear the students give a quick account of their achievements. Feedback from the audience is that, they too, are very interested in what other students are involved in.

If your child has been involved in an activity or event that is particularly noteworthy, please inform the school Prefects, Hollie or Georgia, or your child’s tutor teacher, year level coordinator or send an email directly to me.

SENIOR SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for students in the Senior School are to commence Friday 27 May. An examination timetable for students, for reference, will be issued to students and published in the weekly newsletter in the next fortnight. Please ensure that your child is familiar with the times that their exams occur.

All students (years 7 to 12) should already be participating in a regular homework pattern as a matter of normal work habits. However, leading up to examinations periods, the focus should be on constructive revision and preparation for their examinations.

During the examination period Year 11 students have permission to either study at home or at school. Classes for Year 11 students will be suspended for the duration of the examinations. Year 11 students are not to use this time to socialise at local “fast food” establishments. They must be engaged in one of the following:

1. completing an examination...
Year 3 Excursion - Melbourne Cricket Ground and the City of Melbourne

Year Three have been learning about regions in Victoria. One of the regions we focus on is Melbourne. To strengthen their knowledge in this area, Year Three students will be participating in an excursion to the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the City of Melbourne. This excursion will take place on **Tuesday 17 May**. We will be travelling to the MCG by bus and will be departing school at 8:50am sharp. As we are booked into our first program at 10:00am, it is important that our bus departs on time. Unfortunately, this means we cannot wait for students who are late. Students who miss the bus will stay at school.

Students will need to **bring their drink, snacks and lunch** packed into their BMG school bag. Money is not needed as students will not have the opportunity to purchase anything on the day. Students are required to wear the correct **full sport uniform** and are advised to bring their spray jacket if rain is forecasted. All students will be returning to school by bus and will be dismissed at the normal time of 3:05pm.

School Uniform

All students are now expected to be wearing full school uniform (winter uniform). Unfortunately, there are several students across all year levels that are presenting at school with various items of uniform missing. In many cases, this is reflected in the younger class groups particularly prep and year one.

**TIES**

All students are expected to wear their school tie with their winter uniform at all times. **Students who arrive at school missing their tie will be sent to the Administration centre to hire a tie for the day, at a cost of $1 per day.** Ties that are hired are to be returned to the Administration centre before the student leaves for the day. The top shirt button must be done up at all times. If you find this is a tight fit for your child, then you may need to move the button to suit.

**JUMPERS**

All students in Year Prep to Year 4 are expected to wear their school jumper both to and from school whilst in winter uniform.

**BLAZERS**

All Year 5 and 6 students are expected to wear their school blazer both to and from school whilst in winter uniform.

All details regarding uniform can be found on page 10 of your child’s diary. **Students who continue to arrive at school out of uniform will be given a uniform detention on the designated Friday as per the notice home.**

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar we expect that the students wear the uniform with pride and this also extends to times when they are in the school community after school. At all times when in uniform, students are expected to wear the uniform correctly and with pride.

**Important Dates in the Junior School:**

**May**

11 National Testing - Reading

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2. studying at school
3. studying at home

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

**NAPLAN Testing Schedule**

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

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

Where possible, staff will endeavour to catch children up with missed tests due to their absence from school.

**Vietnam and Cambodia Study Tour 1 Information session**

Parents of students and the students attending the June study tour to Vietnam and Cambodia are invited to attend an information session at school in the Lecture Theatre (Building O) beginning at 6pm on Wednesday 11 May.

**B.M.P.S.S.A Athletics Carnival - Friday 13 May 2016**

Students who qualified to represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the B.M.P.S.S.A Athletics Carnival will do so on Friday 13 May at Masons Lane after excellent performances at our House Athletics Carnival. The children will be bussed to and from Masons Lane. The bus will leave school at **9.00am** and will return in time for normal school dismissal. If you wish to take your child after they have competed, please ensure you sign your child out with a Bacchus Marsh Grammar staff member. Please also ensure your child wears full sports uniform to and from school on the day. Students will also need to bring their school hat, a cut lunch, water bottle, sunscreen and appropriate clothing. The school will also be responsible for running a field event on the day. If you are available and would like to assist on the day, please contact either myself here at school. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Pizza and Pyjamas Day**

On Friday 13 May the Prep Reception and Prep students will be celebrating the letter ‘P’ with a Pizza & Pyjamas Day. Students will be required to wear their school sport uniform and their pyjamas/dressing gown over the top. This will allow them to then remove their pyjamas throughout the day if necessary. During the day the students will be involved in various activities to correspond with the letter ‘p’. We will also be having a pizza lunch. To keep it simple we will only offer the choice of Margarita or Hawaiian pizza.

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**Parents and Study Tour Information Session**

Parents of students and the students attending the June study tour to Vietnam and Cambodia are invited to attend a study tour information session on Tuesday 10 May at 7pm in the Lecture Theatre (Building O). B.M.P.S.S.A is an opportunity for the students to travel to Vietnam and Cambodia. Parents are encouraged to attend to be kept informed about the study tour.
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 who 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

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

or

email the Learning Hub via hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au

Many thanks to the parents of our cast and crew for supporting this year’s senior production of Hairspray. Your efforts in assisting with the sourcing of costumes and accessories was invaluable. Costuming over one hundred students is a mammoth task and we appreciate the initiative taken by parents and students to help with this. I would also like to acknowledge our parent helpers Simone Kelly, Mel Stanley and Cara Frost who helped create the fantastic hair-dos and make-up so essential to this show.

Helena Stratakos
Director

Parents attending the Cyber Safety evening on May 12th- please be aware this event has moved from the gymnasium to Wilson Hall. Please call Sarah Hunter if you require clarification or further information on the event.

Sarah Hunter
Year 7 Coordinator
GEOGRAPHY
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YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TO NARMBOOL FARM

To assist in their studies of bushfire as an environmental hazard, Mrs Brown arranged for the Year 11 Geography class to visit Narmbool, where they had spent their Year 8 camp three years ago. They saw a very different landscape this visit since the farm was ravaged by the Scotsburn-Elaine bushfire on 19 December late last year. Students heard gripping accounts of the bushfire, its huge and lasting effects on the staff on site at the time and the impacts on the sheep flock, infrastructure and pastures which are vital parts of the operation. Most of the main buildings were saved by the many gallant staff and local volunteers, emergency services and the operation of the farm Fire Plan. Students heard how the property is now being returned to production.

Pictured this week on the steps of the Homestead are Mrs Ferry, property owner and trustee, CFA chief Jamie Mackenzie, BMG students, BMG staff Mrs Brown, Mr McNee and Mr Mackenzie. Students were privileged to have the many stories and insights shared with them and found it hard to imagine that the fire front was within metres of where they are pictured here. They hope to return to commence assisting with a longitudinal study of the recovery of the eucalypt forest on the property, a part of the natural ecosystem.

SENIOR SPORTS
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“From the Gym”

ICCES Athletics – Best Finish!

Congratulations to all the Athletes that competed in the ICCES Athletics Championships held at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park last Thursday. BMG Mustangs fielded a team of athletes across all disciplines of Track and Field and all athletes performed wonderfully well on the day.

Final overall placings saw the Mustangs finish in a best ever 4th Place. It is fanatastic that the ICCES Association has such a high standard and even competition across its eight competing schools. A very strong and competitive Ballarat Grammar School were able to win the shield off Gippsland Grammar. Placings were;

1st Ballarat Grammar School - 1764
2nd Gippsland Grammar School - 1755
3rd Goulburn Valley Grammar - 1486
4th Bacchus Marsh Grammar - 1407
5th Braemar College - 1366
6th Hamilton College - 1342
7th Girton Grammar - 1277
8th Highview College - 721

As well as a great Team performance there were also some outstanding individual performances on the day with the following athletes winning their Age Group Championship Medals;

- Year 9 Female – Rachel Jackson
- Year 8 Male – James Di Pretoro
- Year 10 Girl – Shani Bullard

Congratulations should also go to Julia Bourke who broke ICCES records in the Open Girls Shot Put and Discus.

I would like to thank the BMG PE staff who assisted Braemar College in running the overall Carnival on the day and to Mrs. Ogston, Mr. Peiplinkhouse and Mrs. Daniels who managed the BMG Mustangs Team on the day. We now all look forward to the ICCES X-Country Carnival in third term.
**ICCES Winter Tour**

The ICCES Winter Tour will once again take place in Shepparton this year on the final two days of term, June the 16th and 17th. Athletes are busily training for teams in:
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Hockey
- And Netball

The Winter Tour involves two days of competition and teams will stay together over night in Shepparton. Notices for successful athletes will be distributed on team selection.

**Singapore Sports Tour**

An information night will be held on Tuesday 17 May in Wilson Hall at 7.00pm for all athletes and their parents regarding the Singapore Sports Tour. At this evening information regarding travel, spending money, insurances, uniform, medical requirements etc. will be provided. Myself and Mr. Durham will be attending and look forward to meeting parents at this evening.

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 DEBATING NEWS**

**DAV Report: Round 2 (Monday 2nd May)**

Last Monday night, the BMG A, C and D grade debating teams competed in Round 2 of DAV at St. Bernard’s in Essendon.

The students all put in an amazing effort and we walked away with two victories.

**A Grade:** Lachlan West, Angus Lovell and Jacob Micevski won over Lowther Hall, arguing that “We should NOT open all international borders.” Lachlan and Angus were tied best speakers in the debate, and all have improved in their rebuttal skills (especially Lachlan who is new to the ‘sport’ this year).

**C Grade:** Jessica Ewert, Katelynn Condon and Sarah Hageman debated “That professional sports should NOT have separate leagues that permit the use of performance enhancing drugs,” triumphing against Overnewton.

**D Grade:** Georgia Horell, Victoria Sutton and Gemma Dangerfield argued “That we should provide free meals to schools,” using a number of great real-world examples of this model. Unfortunately, they were defeated by the home-side, St. Bernard’s.

We have 2 more debates this term on Monday the 16th and Monday the 30th of May, to which all students are invited to come and support their peers.

Aine Murphy, Georgie Worland and Cassandra Smith

**SENIOR LIBRARY NEWS**

To the Parents of our Senior Students

The Senior Library has been hard at work this year encouraging students to return or renew their overdue loans or to report lost books. So far we have reduced the number of overdue items from around 500 to around 350 since the middle of Term 1 but many loans are overdue by more than 12 months.

Unfortunately, there are still many students who have not responded to either Tutor Group lists or individual notices posted in both Terms 1 & 2.

Students have been informed that parents will be notified after Week 6 (next week) if we have not had a response. The library is also aware that some textbooks were returned to departments at the end of last year but not directly to the library so are still listed on their accounts. It is important that these students come and speak to Library staff to clarify this situation or the book/s will remain on their account and they will be billed. The Senior Library is endeavouring to work with these departments to locate these items and have advised that, in future, students must return class textbooks directly to the library and not through their teachers.

The Library Team are mindful that many parents are probably not aware that their child/ren have overdue books or have been receiving many notices and, previously, emails so this may be a shock to them. We apologise in advance but it is important that all items in our collection are returned in good time for future students to access and for students to be responsible for school items in their care.

BMG Library Team

**EQUESTRIAN NEWS**

Recently, Chanel Radburn, Chloe Lutterschmidt, Maddison Buckner, Kane Radburn, Briana Peterson and Ben Peterson represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar, at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre for the Victorian Interschool State Championships. The competition was held over five days and everyone did extremely well with some of us even placing or coming in the top 20, which is a huge achievement in such a big field of riders.
Results were as follows:
Chanel 1st novelty racing, 2nd barrel race, 5th combined training (dressage and show jumping), 6th show jumping.
Kane 2nd handy mount, 2nd novelty racing and 6th combined training.
Both Maddison and Kane won the crowd favourite awards for barrel racing also.

Hannah McLean has also been successfully competing in the Interschool Eventing classes over the last few weeks. Placing 1st in one star at Tonimbuk and 2nd at Camperdown, a very successful start to the season has almost guaranteed her a place in the Victorian State Eventing Team for the second year in a row. A huge achievement, congratulations Hannah.

LOTE NEWS

“Why Learn Japanese?” student forum at Monash University, Clayton Campus

On Friday 6 May the year nines and tens learning Japanese this year went on an excursion to Monash University representing Bacchus Marsh Grammar, along with many students from other schools around Victoria. We went to a lecture called “Why Learn Japanese.” We got to experience Japanese culture including, traditional dances, music and fashion we also experienced a lot of other things. We had a range of different speakers talk to us and tell us about their experiences, they also gave us advice for the future if we were considering continuing learning Japanese. The day was a great experience and was very beneficial. Along with the knowledge it gave us it was also a lot of fun.

Phoebe Soley-Howlett, Year 9

THE 2016 BMG TRIP TO JAPAN

Where: Tokyo, Nagasaki, Kyoto, Kumamoto-Japan
When: 3 September -24 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.
Edition 4 of the BMG Careers Newsletter is available on the school website. This Friday May 13 is 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

BMG HIGH TEAS

High Teas will be conducted on the following dates:
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
40 tickets available per sitting (3 highchairs available – need to be pre-booked)

To book, please contact Reception on 5366 4800

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.

Please refer to the School’s website for lunch order procedures.

Have a healthy and happy week

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.

The PFA is registered and part of Amart sports loyalty rewards program. Families shopping at Amart stores across Victoria may choose to nominate Bacchus Marsh Grammar as their
community group and the PFA will receive benefits associated with this program.

Symone Whiteway
PFA President

BUS NEWS

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.

UNIFORM NEWS

Senior School UNIFORM PASS: All senior students, who are not wearing the correct School uniform, are to report to the Main Administration Office and collect a uniform pass. The uniform pass is valid for one day only (date of issue).

Lost Property
Please check that all items of students’ clothing are clearly named: in doing so, items mislaid and taken to lost property will quickly be returned via class/tutor group teachers to their owners.

Please note that un-named property will not readily be released to students who claim ownership. Please clearly name your child’s uniform to protect your investment in its purchase. In the lead up to the end of the school year parents and guardians are asked to check their child/ren’s uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another 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 & 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 are already registered.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

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

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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 NEWS

Flyer attached for “Messy Church”

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.
Messy Church

Sunday
15th May 5-7 pm
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Gisborne Rd
Bacchus Marsh (next door to McDonalds)
All ages welcome

Craft Stories & Songs Family Fun Dinner Provided

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