FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday the school will be hosting an Equestrian Event at the Bacchus Marsh Show Grounds. This is the first formal school event that we have held and it is pleasing to see that we have over 65 competitors from across the State competing.

The range of sporting activities that students can be involved in continues to grow. Clay shooting is now a well-established activity and our Real Tennis team is gearing up for its first competitive matches. At the school we look to enable students to find their niche and where ever present practical work to ensure that a range of activities to suit everyone’s interests are available.

From next month there will be changes to the Grammar Weekly Newsletter arrangements:

A weekly Newsletter of events and news will be produced, with comments from the Heads of School and myself (unless an important piece of information is to be relayed) each fortnight.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students for the excellent manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the House Cross Country. All students completed the course in the allotted time frame and were able to gain points for their House. Further congratulations to Hilton House for being the successful House on the day and were able to win the House Cross Country Shield for the third year in a row, well done to Hilton House Students.

In recognition of past involvement of the Prout family at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, in the area of athletics and more specifically, representing Bacchus Marsh Grammar in interschool cross country events, the presenting of the Prout Family Medal to the first male and to the first female runner.
across the line was presented to **Sophie McMinimee and Ethan McMinimee**.

**SENIOR SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS**

Examinations for students in the Senior School are to commence **Friday 27 of 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.

Year 11 students have the school’s 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
2. studying at school
3. studying at home

**VCE INTERIM REPORTS**

VCE/VCAL interim reports were completed by teachers last week and posted home.

Please read through the Interim Report with your child discussing both the positives and negatives highlighted in their report. One of the topics of the interim report is the overdue work list, please ensure that any overdue work is addressed as soon as possible to avoid consequences such as detentions or an unsatisfactory result for that subject. If your son or daughter is not progressing as well as expected or has a significant amount of overdue work, please follow this up with the appropriate Year Level Coordinator or teacher.

Kevin Richardson  
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Jr School Academic Co-curricular Program  
**Wednesday classes 3.05pm – 4.00pm**

Please note as previously advertised, the Junior School Academic Co-curricular Program – Wednesday classes 3.05pm – 4.00pm, will **not** operate next **Wednesday 25 May** due to the school Annual General Meeting.

Jr School Assembly  
**Tuesday 24 May 9.00am in the Gym**

- Year 3/4 Choir
- Prep B and C Performance
- Prep A Performance

The following students will be awarded their Junior School Colours:

- Ashley Siketa  
- Sienna Faust  
- Tristen Lindner  
- Isabella Renda  
- Braith Stainton  
- Deanna Rubino  
- Kendra Fergusson  
- Shelby Lowe  
- Ricky Heywood  
- Arpit Singh

**Jump Off Day- Friday 20 May 2016**

**Period 1**

Prep / 1 / 2 will be skipping in the following areas from 9.00am – 9.20am  
Prep A, 1A, and 2A in the gym

Prep B, 1B and 2B Netball court area next to the staff room

Prep C, Prep D, 1C ,2C in the Wilson Hall Area
Prep E and 1D, 2D in the caged basketball court area.

**Period 3/4**
Year 2,3,4 to meet in the gym for the Ararat Demo Team to perform for us. Year 3/4 will continue out to the oval as a whole group to skip for the rest of period 3 and into Period 4 if necessary for approximately 20mins. Period 4 will resume winter sports rotations.

**Spelling time**
Yr 6 will perform to the same Prep /1 groups in those same locations.

**Period 5/6**
Year 6s will perform their routines again to the Year 5 students in separate areas on the oval. Then resume winter sports training.

**Annual General Meeting**
On Wednesday May 25 the following co-curricular and class groups will be required to perform at the school’s Annual General Meeting:
- Year 3/4 Choir
- All Year 1 students
- Year 1/2 Choir
- Prep Choir
- Glee Choir
- Selected 5/6 Musical performance (Mrs Coombs and Mrs Godsell will notify students)

We require the students to arrive at **6:20pm** on this night, with the Annual General Meeting scheduled to officially start at 6:30pm in Wilson Hall.

Students are to be brought to the following locations. These rooms will also be the collection points for parents on the night:
- Year Two’s are to be dropped off at the Junior School Library
- All Year One students to meet in their classrooms
- Year Three and Four Choir are to be dropped off to Music Room 3
- Glee Choir and any Year 5/6 students are to assemble in Music Room 2
- Prep Choir are to be taken to the Junior School Library

The students will be required to wear their full **winter uniform** unless otherwise instructed.

The AGM meeting is anticipated to conclude at approximately 7:30pm. The students are excited to entertain you on the night.

**Year 5 Field Trip**
Year 5 students will be participating in a fieldtrip to the Lederderg Gorge on Wednesday 25 May. The fieldtrip will involve elements from the Science, History and Geography and Arts curricula such as soil and water testing, quadrat analysis, hiking and botanical drawing.

Students must wear correct school sports uniform including appropriate footwear and a waterproof jacket. As there will be no opportunity to visit shops, students will need to bring a packed snack, lunch and drink clearly labelled with their name and class. They will also require a clipboard and writing materials which they will pack in their School sports bag along with their food. Transport will be by bus departing the bus turnaround at 9.00am and returning to the school by 2.45pm.

**Important Dates in the Junior School:**

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

**BMG HUBS PROGRAMS**

**NEWS**
**Important to all Hubs participants** – you must notify the Hubs team if your child is not attending on the scheduled day by phone, email or text.

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**Term Two 2016 Sports Hub offered:**

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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.

**The Learning Hub, The Sports Hub and The Clubs Hub.**

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

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

or

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

or

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

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**LOTE**

**NEWS**

**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.****

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**ADMINISTRATION**

**NEWS**

**CAMPS FUNDING ASSISTANCE NEWS**

**CSEF are processing new applications – submissions open until Wednesday 1 June**

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Do you have a Health Care Card?

The Victorian Government have unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Applications are available from the main office and must be returned no later than Wednesday 1 June.
CSEF ELIGIBILITY
Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility
a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
b) Be a temporary foster parent; and

c) Submit an application to the school’s main office no later Wednesday 1 June.


Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016). For more information please contact Casey Ryder on 5366 4800.

BMG OFFICE HOURS
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]

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.

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

Have a healthy and happy week

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.

PFA NEWS

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

Symone Whiteway
PFA President

BUS NEWS

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