FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Annual General Meeting of the Association and associated concert was held last Wednesday evening. The Annual General Meeting resolved to accept the Special Resolutions that had been put to the Members in relation to minor changes to the number of co-opted Members that could join Council and conditions that apply to people so appointed.

I would like to congratulate the appointment of the following School Council:

President: Moira Berry
Vice President: Cathy Jeffkins
Treasurer: Irene Norman
Elected Council Members: Dyna Buntine, Greg Mason, Mark Mills, Shawn Peterken, Trisha Stephenson, Peter Thompson, Phil Way
Co-opted Council Members: Caitlin Horwood-Skelton, Kerry Robins

School Council plays a vital part in the life of the school and I thank, on behalf of all Members, those who give their time to assist the growth and development of the school.

A highlight of the evening is always the Junior Concert that comes after the AGM. This year was no different. I would like to congratulate all those who performed and the staff who worked with them.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

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.

IMPORTANT DATES - 2016
1 June JS Hot Dog Fundraiser Day
3 June Yr 6 Excursion – Geology Fieldtrip
3 June Yr 9-12 Solo Dance Performance 5:30pm
6 June JS House Music
6 June SS Semester 2 classes commence
8 June GAT
8 June JS Regional Cross Country
10 June - 21 June JS Vietnam Trip
10 June JS Robotics Competition
13 June Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
14 June Yr 10 Tertiary Experience Day (Federation University)
14-16 June Yr 9A & 9B Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
15 June ICAS Spelling (Yrs 3-6)
15 June JS Assembly
16-17 June ICCES Winter Tour
17 June Year 4 School Performance
17 June BMPSSA Winter Sports Day
17 June END OF TERM 2 – Normal dismissal time
21 June Vietnam Study Tour 1 returns
20-24 June Year 10 Work Experience
11 July Staff Commence
12 July Students Commence Term 3
13-15 July Year 5 Camp – Lake Dewar
14 July JS Prep Western Water Incursion
18 July JS Scholaristic Book Fair (two week’s duration)
18-22 July SS Chess Competition
19-21 July School Photo Days
25-27 July Yrs 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G Recreation Camp (Lake Dewar)
27 July – 29 July Yrs 8A, 8B, 8C Recreation Camp (Lake Dewar)
27 July JS Parent-Teacher Interviews
28 July JS Parent-Teacher Interviews
28-29 July Outdoor Education Alpine Expedition
29 July 100 Days of Prep Celebration
29 July JS Assembly
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

SENIOR SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for students in the Senior School is continuing throughout this week and will be completed by Friday. Please ensure that your child is familiar with the times that their exams occur. All students (Years 7 to 12) should be participating in an established, regular homework pattern as a matter of normal work habits, but for students leading up to examinations periods, the focus should be on constructive revision and preparation for their examinations.

Year 11 students have the ability to either study at home or at school. Classes for Year 11 students 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

END OF TERM TWO

Friday 17 June is the last day of Term Two.

Over the term break, maintenance staff has requested that lockers be cleared of rubbish and food scraps etc... A general clean up and maintenance of lockers will occur. **Students are to clean their locker over the last week of term.** Parents should also check school bags at the beginning of the term break to remove food items and uniform in readiness for the start of Term Three.

**The school day will finish at 3:15pm for the Senior School.**

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM THREE

Commencement day for students is **Tuesday 12 July.** Week One of the Senior School Timetable will operate from the commencement of Term Three.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Field Trip

Year 6 students will be participating in a fieldtrip to the Maddingley Brown Coal Mine and a tour of the Geological formations in the local area on Friday 3 June. The fieldtrip will involve elements from their current Science curriculum on “Geological Processes and Natural Disasters”, including rock sampling, describing the volcanic history in the area and observing the impacts of erosion.

Students must wear correct school sports uniform including appropriate footwear and their waterproof anorak. As there will be no opportunity to visit shops, students will need to bring a packed snack, lunch and drink. These will need to be placed into two separate plastic bags that will be kept with the teachers. Each bag must be clearly labelled with their name, class and either ‘snack’ or ‘lunch’. They will also require a clipboard and writing materials which they will pack in their School sports bag along with their anorak.

Transport will be by bus departing the bus turnaround at 9.00am and returning to the school by 2.45pm.

Junior School House Music

The Junior School House Music Festival will be held on **Monday 6 June** in Wilson Hall. We would like to encourage family members to attend and support the student performers. Please refer to the details listed of including the approximate time of when each grade and music ensemble will be performing:

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Throughout the day we request that all audience members remain silent during performances. Students can often be distracted by a noisy environment and this affects their performance. We would like to remind all performers that their uniform must be correct.

Regional Cross Country

Selected students will participate in the Regional Cross Country event to be held at Brimbank Park, Keilor Park Drive, East Keilor on Wednesday 8 June, 2016. Students can travel to the event by bus which will leave school at 8:45am and will return at approximately 2.00pm. Parents who choose to take and collect their children by private vehicle need to ensure their child marshals 10 minutes before their zone event. The top eight place getters in each event will qualify for the State Metropolitan Championships. Students are required to be in full sports uniform on the day. It may also be appropriate that
students bring a change of clothes (shoes, socks etc) and a towel in case the weather is unfavourable. Students will need appropriate warm clothing, umbrella and something to sit on. Students traveling by bus are required to bring a cut lunch, drinks and snacks.

Important Dates in the Junior School:

**June**
- 3  Year 6 Field Trip
- 6  Junior School House Music
- 8  Regional Cross Country
- 10 - 21  Vietnam Study Tour One
- 13  Queen’s Birthday/Public Holiday
- 15  Spelling Competition (Nominated Students Yr3-Yr6)
- 15  Junior School Assembly  9.00am in the Gym
  - Year 1 / 2 Choir
  - Year 2 Electives (Semester 1 Group) Performing Arts, Violin and Keyboard & Voice
- 17  BMPSSA Winter Sport Day
- 17  School Performance – Year 4
- 17  Last Day Term 2 – 3.05pm dismissal
- 21  Vietnam Study Tour 1 returns

**July**
- 11  Staff commence for Term 3 – Professional Development Day
- 12  Students commence for Term 3
- 13 – 15  Year 5 Camp-Lake Dewar
- 14  Western Water Incursion
- 18  Scholastic Book Fair (Two weeks duration)
- 19 – 21  School Photo Days
- 27  Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 28  Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 29  Junior School Assembly  9.00am in the Gym
  - Prep Choir
  - Year 1A and 1B Performance
  - Year 2A and 2B Performance

Elizabeth O’Day
Deputy Principal - Head of Junior School

**HUBS PROGRAM**

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. Students participating in ball games in the Learning Hub must bring a spare top to wear over their uniform.

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

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

JUNIOR LIBRARY NEWS

**Years 2-6 Story Writing Competition 2016**

The theme for our story writing competition this year is ‘In a Deep Dark Forest’.

Entries are open to all BMG students from years 2-6. Entries must be handed in at the Junior School Library by the end of school on Thursday 11 August 2016. Late entries will not be accepted.

Prizes will be awarded to the three winners from each year level. Please make sure handwriting is neat.

For further inquiries, please speak to either Bronte (6D), Kathryn (6D), Daniella (6C), or Mrs West in the Junior School Library.

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

On 20 of May, current members of the BMG Equestrian team, made history at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. We hosted our first ever, Interschool Dressage event. The event was hosted at
Bacchus Marsh Pony Club, with a number of students from both the Junior and Senior school competing. We had over 60 competitors from schools around Victoria, including from Geelong Grammar, Braemar College and Bendigo South East.

The team competed well overall, with certain students finishing with a variety of places. Students were marked on their ability to complete the test with accuracy and precision as well as to work in harmony with their horse. Special mention to Hannah Mclean riding Incy Wincy Spider who finished first in both her tests, then first overall and to Channel Radburn, on her mount Kilburns Cinderella, who finished third in one test, first in the other and then second overall.

My horse Jason decided he would work very nicely for the special occasion of the school’s first event, enabling us to take home third in one test, fifth in the other then fourth overall.

In the end, Braemar College came out winners of the day, with the top 4 results from their thirteen competitors declaring the win. Bacchus Marsh Grammar, gracefully came close second, with our own thirteen competitors, top 4 scores contributing to the overall results.

A big thank you, to the support shown on the day. A lot of work goes into planning for events like this. Thank you, to everyone who represented the school with comradeship, and to the volunteers who helped set up and take down arenas. As well as gratitude to all the members of staff that assisted in making such a smoothly running day. Thank you, Miss Romazko for organising the event and supporting the team. As well as to Mrs Symes, Mr Mackenzie and Mel and Darren Glen, who came out on the day to support the team, it was lovely to see and very much appreciated.

Equestrian at Bacchus Marsh Grammar is a growing sport and we are always looking for new members. Please speak to either Maddi Buckner or myself, if you have a horse and are interested in representing the school at inter-school events or pick up a booklet from the office.

Olivia Peterson
Equestrian Team Captain

**LOTE NEWS**

**HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED**

In July, 12 students from our sister schools from Kumamoto are coming to BMG for a homestay. We are looking for 12 families who are willing to host them. They are around 14-15 years old. The dates are 26 July- 4 August. If anyone is able to assist us please contact Mr Love for more details.

**NEW CALEDONIA CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

An exciting opportunity is available to students of French. Next year in June we plan to take our first group to New Caledonia for an 8 day language and cultural experience.

Students will attend 12 hours of French language classes and explore what this tropical paradise of New Caledonia has to offer.

Accommodation, airfares, tours and some meals will be included. The language classes will be aimed at improving speaking, and will cater all levels. We recommend that students have Year 8 French to be part of this tour, but beginners will be catered for. The trip is open for students from years 9 – 12 in 2017 at a cost of $2,800.

For further information and to collect a letter about the study tour, please contact Mrs Fiona Erhardt.

**SENIOR ART NEWS**

The images below are of Year 9 / 10 Arts students working on a large mural for the school grounds. The mural has just been completed, and has been installed permanently in the school grounds. Congratulations to all students involved - the mural is an excellent example in working together to create a wonderful public art work.
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 than Wednesday 1 June.

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

LATE BUS
A reminder to students travelling on the late bus. You must sign up each day you require the service. The cost of the late bus service is $12.00 per trip.

Sign up at Reception before the end of lunch. The size of the bus ordered is determined on the number of students who sign up.

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

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.

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT NEWS

DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE

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

SOUTH MADDINGLEY ROAD

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.

CARPARK 2

Please note that Carpark 2 is a Staff Carpark and that students should not be dropped off or collected from this carpark. This also applies to collecting students from after school activities which conclude at 4.20pm. Please arrange to collect your children from the Main Carpark 1.

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 student’s 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

COMMUNITY NEWS
- Flyer attached regarding Pinarc Parent Information Sessions and Support Groups
- Flyer attached with dates of the Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection Group.

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.
Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection

This is a free social and support group for parents of children or adults who have disabilities. It gives you a chance to chat and connect with other families in similar situations. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. New members warmly welcomed.

Join us for morning tea around the fourth Monday of the month during school terms.

10.30am—12.30pm
Darley Neighbourhood House,
33 Jonathan Dr, Darley.

2016 Dates:  
Monday 22nd February

Monday 21st March  
*early due to Easter

Monday 2nd May  
*late due to ANZAC day

Monday 23rd May

Monday 20th June  
*early due to School Holidays

Monday 25th July

Monday 22nd August

Monday 24th October

Monday 28th November

Contact Rebecca Paton, Parent Support Coordinator  
5329 1361, rpaton@pinarc.org.au

www.pinarc.org.au  general enquiries: 03 5329 1398
# Pinarc Parent Information Sessions and Support Groups

## Centrelink Information for families of children with disabilities

Presented by James Everard of Centrelink Ballarat.
Monday 20th of June, 6.45pm - 8.30pm
Pinarc Disability Support, 1828 Sturt St Alfredton
A DVD for children will be showing in another room with supervision by Pinarc Recreation staff for families unable to find childcare for that evening. Please confirm numbers at time of registration.

**Register at Pinarc Reception:** Ph: 5329 1300
**Email:** Admin@pinarc.org.au

## Pinarc Free NDIS Pre-Planning Information Sessions.

**Tuesday 7 June 2016 10.30 - 11.30am**
Ballarat 1828 Sturt Street Alfredton Phone 5329 1300 to register

**NDIS Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS) Specific Presentations.**

- **Wednesday 15th June 2016 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.**
- **Monday 27th June 2016 1.00 p.m. – 2.00pm**
- **Thursday 16th June 2016 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday 28th June 2016 7.00 p.m. – 8.00pm**

Ballarat 1828 Sturt Street Alfredton Phone 5329 1300 to register

**Individual Pre-Planning Sessions.**
- Meet with a qualified and experienced Pinarc planner
- Identify the supports you are receiving now and any additional support you need.
- Prepare your participant or carer statement
- Learn about the language the NDIS uses

**Book a time to suit you. Phone Pinarc Central Intake: 53291398**

## Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection

This group meets one Monday per month, 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Monday 20th June**, Leonie Dillon, Disability Advocate, will speak to the group about the role of an advocate and how they can help families.

## Ballarat Autism Parent Connection

This group meets at The Robin Hood Hotel, 33 Peel St Nth, Ballarat on the second or third Monday of the month, 10am – 12pm. The focus of this group is a social get-together but it will also provide a great source of information, strategies and understanding. The next meeting will be **Monday 20th June** at 10am. New members always welcome.

## ADHD/ADD/ODD Parent Connection

The next meeting for this group will be **Tuesday June 21st**, 10am at Ballarat Yacht Club. This is an informal social gathering in which parents of children with ADHD/ADD/ODD can get to know other families and learn strategies and support each other. New members more than welcome.

## Down Syndrome Parent Support Group

The Ballarat Down Syndrome Support Group meet regularly for a meal or a coffee.
**16th June** - Lunch at Oscar's Café, 18 Doveton St Sth. 12.00 Midday.
Contact Wendy on [charingal.park@bigpond.com](mailto:charingal.park@bigpond.com) to RSVP or for more information.

## Blokes Brigade

Next event: Parma Night, **Monday 13th June** @ 6.30pm North Ballarat Sports Club, 725 Creswick Road, Ballarat
R.S.V.P: Matthew Smith (bb44) by Friday 10th June Ph: 0497 587 285 [blokesbrigade@hotmail.com](mailto:blokesbrigade@hotmail.com)
Also check out their new Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/Blokes-Brigade-507431449463726](https://www.facebook.com/Blokes-Brigade-507431449463726)

For information about any of these groups, contact rpaton@pinarc.org.au or 53291361.