FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome families to the start of the year. It has been an extremely smooth start and what has been particularly pleasing is the number of people commenting on how quickly students have settled. The highlight of this week was the school’s Commencement Ceremony. Particular mention needs to be made of Jayden Bullard (ATAR 97.95) and a perfect score of 50 in Business Management and Rachel O’Hagan who also received a perfect score of 50 in Business Management. I congratulate all of those students listed below who received Awards on Monday.

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Madeline Mather  Award for Academic Excellence – General Excellence VCE
Kieren McKenzie  Award for Academic Excellence – General Excellence VCE
Jacob Micevski   Award for Academic Excellence – General Excellence VCE
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Adel Munro       Award for Academic Excellence – General Excellence VCE
Rachel O’Hagan   Award for Academic Excellence – General Excellence VCE
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Joshua Peska     Award for Academic Excellence – Subject Award: Music (VCE VET)
Brian Peterson   Award for Academic Excellence – General Excellence VCE
Cameron Richardson Award for Academic Excellence – General Excellence VCE
Nicholas Samson   Award for Academic Excellence – Subject Award: Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Bradley Sawyer   Award for Academic Excellence – General Excellence VCE

A great deal of new work has happened around the three school campuses over the break and I will write in more details about these in my next Newsletter. I would particularly like to thank the school’s Maintenance Team for their help in getting the school in such good condition with all of the construction work going on around them.

One of the early things we will be looking at this year is how we get information to parents and the community. This may mean changes to the median we use and their frequency. I would be interested in parent feedback about what works best for them and things they would like us to consider in relation to informing them of school activities.

Andrew A Neal
Principal

Valentine’s Day
Please note that the school will not be accepting any gifts, flowers or cards for students on Valentine’s Day. If a delivery arrives for a student, it will be refused.
IMPORTANT DATES - 2017

8-10 Feb Unit 1/2 Outdoor Ed Expedition Surf Coast
8-10 Feb Unit 3/4 Outdoor Ed Expedition Fed Sq & Pt Phillip
9 Feb Senior School Swimming Carnival - Melton Waves
9 Feb Year 3-6 Swimming Tryouts - Melton Waves
9 Feb Year 12 2017 Information Night - John Lever Gym 6.30pm
13-15 Feb Year 7A, 7B, 7C & 7D Orientation Coastal Camp
14 Feb Year 9 & 10 Food & Consumer Studies Excursion
15-17 Feb Year 7E, 7F, 7G & 7H Orientation Coastal Camp
16 Feb Year 11 Geography Field Trip
17 Feb Junior School House Swimming – Melton Waves
20 Feb Prep Parent Reading Info Night – 7pm Wilson Hall
24 Feb VET Hospitality & VCE Studies Excursion
28 Feb Reading Practical Workshop – Prep 8.50am Lecture Theatre
1-2 Mar Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
1 Mar Reading Practical Workshop – Year 1 2PM Lecture Theatre
2 Mar Reading Practical Workshop – Year 2 8.50am Lecture Theatre
2 Mar BMPSSA Swimming Carnival – Melton Waves
3 Mar Longest Lunch Hospitality Excursion – The Plough
3 Mar Clean Up Australia Day
7 Mar Year 7 Parent-Teacher Interviews
8 Mar ICCES Swimming, Badminton & Tennis
9 Mar Year 7 Immunisations
13 Mar Labour Day Holiday – No School
15 Mar Year 11-12 Parent-Teacher Interviews
16 Mar Senior School House Athletics (VUT Werribee)
16 Mar Junior School Division Swimming
22 Mar Year 4 Excursion – Ballarat Wildlife Park
23 Mar Junior School LOTE Day
24-26 Mar Senior School Production Camp
27-31 Mar Year 9A, 9B & C Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
27 Mar Junior School Young Leader’s Day - selected Yr 6 students
28 Mar Junior School Regional Swimming
31 Mar Junior School Easter Bonnet Parade
31 Mar Junior School Easter Craft Morning
31 Mar End of Term 1 – Earlier finish times
 JS -2.05pm, SS – 2.15pm Busses will coincide with the early finish times.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

WELCOME
I would like to welcome back to Bacchus Marsh Grammar for 2017, all staff and students.

STAFFING
Please welcome to Bacchus Marsh Grammar the following new staff members who will be teaching in the following subject areas:

New Staff
Mr. Russell CLARK – Science and Mathematics
Mr. Arron KNEZEVIC – Humanities and Geography
Mr. Brett STONE – P.E. & Health and Outdoor & Environmental Studies
Ms. Aimee TAYLOR - English
Ms. Silvy WANTANIA – LOTE: Indonesian

It is very pleasing to welcome back from family and extended leave the following staff members who will be resuming teaching duties in the following subject areas:

Returning from extended leave
Mrs Kelly Dilges – English
Mr. John Rizzeti - Mathematics

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Students may wear their summer uniform for Term One. Please ensure that hair styles are within acceptable guidelines as set out in the school diary. Students need to be wearing appropriate school shoes; “ballet style,” “fashion” and “skate” (flat soled) shoes are not acceptable.

I would to bring to parent’s attention an issue that is arising with boy’s hairstyle.

A common hairstyle that is proving to be the latest trend for boys, contravenes school requirements with regard to acceptable hairstyles. As stated in the school diary, hairstyles are to be even or not overly graded in cut and must be off the face.

• Hair must not be shaved/clipped less than a number three.

Therefore, boys who have their hairstyle long on the top and short back and sides will be required to adjust their hairstyle to be evenly graded from sides to the top. This will need to be rectified by the end of this week.

Boys who attend school “unshaven” will be required to shave at the Health Centre or return home to shave before commencing classes. Ponytails for boys are not permitted.

Long hair for girls must be off the face, not obstructing eyesight. Hair tied back or clips will assist with this.

A reminder that for days forecast to be 30 degrees and higher, that blazers do not need be worn to school. Students may also wish to wear their full school uniform on some of the forecast colder days. If for some appropriate reason, your child is unable to wear their normal summer or full school uniform, then they need to wear the complete sports uniform. Do not mix sports uniform with summer uniform or with full school uniform, i.e.

CURRENT FAMILY ENROLMENT PROCEDURE
FOR 2018 ENTRY INTO PREP RECEPTION, PREP and YEAR 7

A reminder to all current families who wish all their children to attend Bacchus Marsh Grammar, the School requires a Registration of Interest for Enrolment form to be submitted for each individual child.

The entry process for 2018 has commenced. Please contact the School Registrar on 5366 4800 if you have not completed this process for any siblings, who are eligible for entry into Prep Reception, Prep and Year 7 in 2018.

Registration of Interest for Enrolment forms are available at www.bmg.vic.edu.au under “Enrolments made Easy”.

Shona Hiscock
School Registrar

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ties must be worn with long sleeved shirts, and runners are not to be worn with summer or full school uniform.

The original old style gold and black spray jacket has been phased out over the past three years and is no longer part of the school uniform. This jacket has been replaced by the BMG Anorak. Please note that the anorak may be worn to protect the school blazer, not instead of the school blazer and is not to be worn to class.

Please review the School Uniform regulations as set out in the diary. **If you are unsure, please ask prior to any significant “fashion” changes.**

**Kevin Richardson**  
Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

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

Welcome to the new school year. A big welcome to all our new preps and new students across varying levels of the Junior School. I look forward to getting to know the families who have joined us in the Junior School and sharing with you, your involvement in your child’s education.

All students in the Junior School appear to have settled quickly into the school routine. If your child is having any areas of concern I would hope you are working through these with your child’s class teacher. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any queries or concerns.

**Year Level Coordinators 2017**

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The Year Level Coordinators may be contacted at school on 5366 4800 or email school@bmg.vic.edu.au if you wish to discuss any issues regarding your child.

**New Junior School Staff**

I would like extend a welcome to the new staff in the Junior School for 2017:

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**Junior School Leadership Positions 2017**

_Congratulations to the following students for their award of leadership for 2017:_

- **Junior School Captains:** Jackson Brown, Jade Cilia
- **Junior School Vice Captains:** Brandon Knight, Amity Pallpratt, Alexandra Lang-Boyd
- **Junior School Sports Captains:** Sienna Johnston, Ben Peterson, Emilee Attard
- **Bacchus House Captains:** Indi Stanley, Abe Penny
- **Braeside House Captains:** Lucy Conroy
- **Hilton House Captains:** Taylah Sladek, Ryan Woolley
- **Hilton Vice-Captains:** Kensiess Ward
- **Pentland House Captains:** Zoe Daniel, Thomas Bens
- **Pentland Vice Captains:** Rebecca Wall
- **Science Captains:** Maddox Edwards
- **Visual Arts Captains:** Emmerson Kitchin, Olivia Beggs
- **Performing Arts Captains:** Makenzie Ericson, Abigail Bradford
- **IT Captains:** Tristan Noorman, Luke O’Neil
- **Library Captain:** Ethan Marchington, Sophie Bill
- **Music Captain:** Riley Pittard
- **SRC President:** Khyle Forsyth, Jordyn Mace
- **SRC Vice-Presidents:** Chloe Bairra
- **Chess Captain:** Jack Buskins

Year 6 Bus Captains will be announced at their assembly on Monday and will be published in next week’s Grammar Weekly.

**HUBS Programs**

**Learning Hub**

The Learning Hub Program operates Monday to Friday from 3.05pm – 5.30pm during the school term. Please refer to the School Business Notice for further details about the program. Mrs Judith Clark oversees the Learning Hub and Sports Hub on a nightly basis. Mrs. Donna Blake is the Learning Hub Coordinator; Lauren Majewski is the Sports Hub Coordinator. A reminder to parents that if your child is booked into the Learning or Sport Hub and circumstances change during the course of the day, please notify the administration office to ensure that we are not calling you and searching for your child at the end of the school day. If your child is a regular at the Learning Hub and is not attending on a specific night, this needs to be noted in your child’s diary or at the Administration Centre.

If you require your child to join the Learning Hub program, bookings must be received by **9.30am** at Reception on the day required. Bookings will then need to be confirmed subject to availability.

Please note that you are no longer able to claim CCB rebates for this program.

**The Learning Hub contact number is 0408 548 058**

The Learning Hub now operates from Rooms L6 and L7. These rooms are located adjacent to the basketball court near the gymnasium. If students are participating in activities in other areas of the school, a note will be left on the door to direct parents to the activity area.
Sports Hub
Information about this program has been distributed. The program is open to all Junior School students and operates on Monday to Thursday afternoon for the remainder of the term beginning Monday 13 February. The program runs from 3.05pm-4.30pm. Bookings must be made on the parent portal. There is a $30 fee associated per child per sport for the 2017 program. This fee is non-refundable.
The sports offered are:
Monday - Athletics
Tuesday - Racquet Sports
Wednesday - Cricket
Thursday - Basketball

CLUB Hub will also operate this year. Information regarding this program is currently being distributed.
CLUB HUB activities include:
Netball, Basketball, Cycling, Triathlon and Equestrian

Nuts and Nut Products
At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we have a growing number of students who have been identified with anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction particularly to nuts and nut products. In the interest of the safety of all students in our school, it is necessary that we ban students from bringing peanut butter sandwiches/rolls/biscuits and snack bags of nuts to school for snack or lunch. It would also be appreciated if parents could be careful in selecting food with nuts listed as an ingredient for their child’s lunchbox.

Junior School Adventure Playgrounds
The Junior School Adventure Playgrounds are OUT OF BOUNDS at all times before and after school. I ask parents to please not allow any students or toddlers to use this equipment during the hours of 8.15a.m. - 9.00a.m., and 3.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. These areas are not supervised by staff during these times. Any student using the play equipment during these times will be administered with a lunchtime detention.

Uniform and Hair Regulations
I encourage all parents to become familiar with the Uniform and Hair regulations published in your child’s diary. Some students have started back without attending to their hair. From next week class teachers and the Year Level coordinators will be conducting uniform and hair and jewellery checks. Students with issues that need attention will be administered with notification of what is required. Students will be required to rectify the problem promptly to avoid further consequences. Please note as per the student diary that it is preferred that runners reflect the school colours of black, white, gold or blue however, we understand the growing difficulty in obtaining these. Fluorescent colours are strongly discouraged.

Working With Children Check
It is a legal requirement that any person who works or voluntarily assists within the school environment has a Working with Children Check. Thank you to the parents who have already presented their Working with Children Check Card at the school office for inclusion on the school database. Unfortunately, we cannot allow helpers to assist with the children until your name is included on the school register. If you have not already done so, please present your Working with Children Check Card to Michelle Graham in the Principal’s office to ensure you are registered.

In addition to the WWC Check, there are other specific requirements for parent helpers that must be completed prior to assisting with children. A note specific to this will be distributed to the youngest child in each Junior School family tomorrow.

Infectious Disease and Head Lice
It is imperative that cases of infectious disease are reported to your child’s class teacher and to Jo Stanley in the Health Centre as soon as parents become aware of the illness. This includes cases of chicken pox, measles and the like. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

All cases of head lice with students need to be reported to the Health Centre or your child’s class teacher to enable us to monitor this closely in the Junior School. All children will be checked by our school nurse and first aid staff in cases of reports of head lice. Children in the same class of the child who has been infected with head lice will be checked by the Health Centre staff.

Pets and School
Due to the number of students with allergies to various animals, students are not permitted to bring pets to school for their show and tell times.

Sports HUB
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Important Dates in the Junior School:

**February**
9 Junior School House Swimming Tryouts Year 5 and 6
17 Junior School House Swimming Carnival- Melton Waves
20 Year Prep Reading Information Evening
28 Reading Practical Workshops (Prep Demonstration)

**March**
1 Reading Practical Workshops (Year 1 Demonstration)
2 Reading Practical Workshops (Year 2 Demonstration)
1 Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
2 Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
13 Labour Day Holiday
16 Divisional Swimming – Selected students
22 Year4 Excursion-Ballarat Wildlife Park
23 LOTE Day
24 Junior School House Athletics Years 3-6
27 Young Leaders Day Selected Year 6 students
28 WMR Swimming
31 Prep Easter Bonnet Parade
31 Easter Craft Morning Prep – Year 3
31 Last Day Term 1 Early Dismissal 2.05pm

Elizabeth O’Day
Deputy Principal - Head of Junior School

**HUBS PROGRAM**

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.

**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

**WOODLEA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE NEWS**

As a new school year commenced last week so did a new chapter for Bacchus Marsh Grammar. On Monday 30 January, the Early Learning Centre, Woodlea opened the doors for the first time.

We welcomed 17 families over the week, attending our 2-3 year old, 3-4 year old or 4-5 year old rooms. It was wonderful to finally hear little voices, squeals of delight, bikes pedalling around the playground and even the gentle snores at rest time, (Yes, some do rest and sleep!) within the walls of our new building.

The children came proudly wearing their “school” uniforms and showing us their “school” bag. A locker was found in each of our rooms, Rivergums, Wattle and Lillie Pillies. As parents farewelled their children, our friendly staff took control and so began their chapter with us that may last up to 16 years, from 2 year olds to 18 years olds in year 12! Welcome to your journey with us.

We also welcome a dedicated group of staff members:

- Mrs Kirsti Condon
- Ms Hayley MacPherson
- Mrs Michele McDonald
- Mrs Haley de la Hunty
- Miss Melissa Barnes
- Mrs Gaganpreet Hira
- Mrs Pranita Naik
- Ms Megan Balcombe

The ELC hours of operation each day from Monday to Friday are 7.00am to 6.00pm, offering breakfast, morning and afternoon tea and a two-course lunch. The 4-5 year olds participate in a 4 year old Kinder program running 9.00 – 4.30 daily. A 3-year-old morning pre-kinder program is run in the 3-4 year old room. And an engaging program is enjoyed in the 2-3 year old room.

If your family or friends are interested in enrolling your child/ren, please visit our Centre or contact us on 0499 551 238. A Registration of Interest is also on the school’s web site.

We are currently looking for Kindergarten, Diplomas & Cert III in Children Services, and cooks who may be interested in Annual /sick leave relief. If you are interested, please contact me on 0499 551 238 for further details.

Kerry Osborn
Director Woodlea ELC
**JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION NEWS**

**Junior Musical - Cinderella**
Cinderella has been selected as the 2017 Musical. This will be the first time the Junior Musical will incorporate students from Years 5-7. All rehearsals will be held after school. The first rehearsal is on Thursday 9 February from 3:05pm – 4:25pm. Students requiring the late bus must sign up at the office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further clarification coombsj@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Looking forward to an exciting year

**Jenni Coombs**
Junior Musical Coordinator

**SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS**

“From the Gym”

Welcome back to all students in preparation for another exciting year ahead in all things sporting at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. This year there are numerous Interschool ICCES events on the calendar ranging from the ICCES Winter and Summer Tour to the major sporting carnivals starting with ICCES Swimming, Badminton and Table tennis at MSAC, Melbourne on 8 March. The Elite Sports Program continues to expand with athletes also taking part in an International Training Camp in Singapore in June/July.

The first major sporting event happens next week with the House Swimming Sports being held on Thursday. At the conclusion of this event the ICCES Interschool Swimming Team will be selected and swimming training will then take place for the selected team on Tuesday nights after school at Melton Waves.

Exciting news with the Gymnasium Strength and Condition room expansion has been completed and the complex is looking fantastic. A huge thank you to all involved in this, particularly to Mr Quach, who has worked tirelessly in providing us with a fantastic new facility.

Good luck to all our students this year and enjoy the great sporting landscape that Bacchus Marsh Grammar has to offer.

**Fantastic Individual Sporting Success**

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

**Greame Frislie** – Year 10 Elite Sport/ WestVic Academy of Sport Scholarship holder won 3 Gold Medals in the recent Victorian Cycling Track Carnival in the – Points Race, Time Trial and Sprint. Greame also won a Bronze Medal in the Kerein and Individual Pursuit.

Greame also achieved second place overall in the National Junior Track Series. He has now been selected to the Victorian Junior Track Team for the National Junior Track Championships in Sydney on the 22 -25 February.

**Elizabeth Nuspan** – Year 10 Elite Sport/ WestVic Academy of Sport Scholarship holder, won Gold medal in the Sprint event at the Victorian Junior Track Championships, a Silver medal in the 500m Time Trial event and a Bronze medal in the Points Race event at the Victorian Junior Track Championships. Elizabeth also achieved fifth place overall in the National Junior Track Series. She has now been selected to the Victorian Junior Track Team for the National Junior Track Championships in Sydney on the 22 -25 February.

**Elite Sport Development.**

Last December I had the opportunity to tour with the Australian Badminton Team on their European Tour and this gave me the opportunity to work with some of the world’s leading coaches, physiologists, and biomechanics. I was fortunate to spend time at the Scotland Institute of Sport, Glasgow, the Danish Olympic Training Centre, Brondby Copenhagen and the Irish Institute of Sport, Dublin. As well as High Performance Sports Schools in Helsinki, Finland and Solrod, Denmark.

On my return I also spent time at the AIS in Canberra and at a Leadership Workshop for the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. In addition I presented a series of lectures on the “Adolescent Athlete and Strength and Conditioning”. During this time I had many fruitful conversations and discussions about how best to progress the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Elite Sporting Model and facilities. I was able to establish many great links that will greatly benefit BMG’s Elite Sports Program in the future. I would like to personally thank Mr. Neal and the BMG community for their continued support and I know that our Elite Sports structure is at world’s cutting edge and continues to improve.

**Andrew Perks**
Director of Sport

Ruskeasuo Sports School, Finland  Danish Olympic Centre, Copenhagen.
Senior School Homework Club!

Senior School Homework Club is an after-school club that is designed to assist students from Years 7 to 12 with their homework for an hour but it also teaches them organisational, prioritising and study skills to successfully prepare them for VCE and beyond.

The club will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.20-4.20 pm in P14.

Sophia McQuillan, Manta Ramgolam and Fiona Davidson

Confidential Medical Forms

Confidential Medical Forms are distributed to families annually to confirm important medical and general information about students and contacts. The forms were posted home to families prior to Christmas in 2016.

Please complete and update any relevant information regarding your child/ren and return their form/s to the Health Centre as soon as possible. Even if there is no changes to the information forms are to be signed and returned to school.

If you did not receive one or have misplaced yours, please contact the Health Centre as a matter of urgency

If you have any medical concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the Health Centre.

Jo Stanley
School Nurse

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.

BUS

Attention parents of Junior school bus travelers: Can parents / guardians please ensure that when you are collecting your child/ren from the bus in the afternoon that you make yourself clearly visible to the bus drivers. As it is the start of the year, drivers are still familiarising themselves with who collects the junior school students.

Please be mindful of when you park at a bus stop that you do not park in the area where the bus pulls in or across resident driveways.

Kerryn Browne
Bus and Travel Coordinator

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

To be eligible to receive a Conveyance Allowance, a student must:

- be aged between five years (by 30 April in the year that the allowance is sought) and twenty-one years
- live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended, or 4.8 km radial distance from the nearest school attended in the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong
- be enrolled at the nearest government primary or secondary school, or at the nearest appropriate registered non-government school having regard to the following factors:
  a) a student is ineligible for a conveyance allowance if there is a nearer denominational school of the same denomination as the school attended. Multi/inter denominational schools established under the direct auspices of a group of churches will be considered as denominational schools of each church
  b) a student cannot claim a conveyance allowance if there is a nearer multi/inter denominational or Christian school than the multi/inter denominational or Christian school attended
c) a student cannot claim a conveyance allowance if there is a nearer non-denominational school than the non-denominational school attended.

Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service.

Please contact the School to obtain an application form. Forms must be completed and returned to the office no later than Friday 10 February 2017.

Kerryn Browne
Bus and Travel Coordinator

CAMP, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND
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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Application forms are available in the office and on the School website.

Please contact Kerryn Browne for further information.

CAR PARK COURTESY
NEWS

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.

UNIFORM
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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.

Parents and guardians are asked to regularly 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.
**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

“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.
Shop1/13 Barnes Place, Werribee.
Phone: 9741 3211 Fax: 9741 3155
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bacchus Marsh Scorpions Soccer Club**
In 2017 the Bacchus Marsh Scorpions Soccer Club with the support of the community are aiming to establish U11, U16, U18 and senior all female sides in 2017. To achieve this we will need a major recruitment drive and more volunteers to help with the female squads.

The following people are needed to support our vision and growth:

- Team managers
- Coaches
- Players
- Volunteers to help with recruitment etc.

To drive female soccer development the club has created the committee position of Female Development Officer. Hilda Vergles has volunteered to take on this role. Her contact details are jeff.hildavergles@hotmail.com or 0405492807.

If you are female player, a parent/guardian of a female player or you are simply interested in helping us develop our female soccer program come along to a meeting next **Wednesday the 1st February at 7:30pm at Mason Lane** and discuss the direction of the program.

**Bacchus Marsh Scorpions Soccer Club Inc.**
Bacchus Marsh Vic 3340.
Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/BMsoccerClub/](https://www.facebook.com/BMsoccerClub/)
Website [www.bacchusmarshsoccer.org.au](http://www.bacchusmarshsoccer.org.au)

**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 Basketball Association
Term 1 Aussie Hoops- Children aged 5-10
Commences: Wednesday 8th Feb
Time: 4:15- 5:00pm
Contact: Nicole Grundy (0408 748 731)
Imagination Magic is a Moorabool Shire Council program for babies, toddlers and preschool children and their mums, dads and carers.

**February**

February 9
Darley
Don’t Move Puppet Theatre
Darley Early Years Hub
182 Halletts Way
10am and 11.15am

February 22
Ballan
Anne E Stewart Storyteller
Ballan Primary School
8-14 Duncan St
10am

**March**

March 9
Darley
Yoga Bugs
Story and yoga
Darley Early Years Hub
182 Halletts Way
10am and 11.15am

March 22
Ballan
Drummergirl
African Drumming
Ballan Primary School
8-14 Duncan St
10am

To book or for more information contact Customer Service on 5366 7100
Entry is by gold coin donation