Key Upcoming DATES
15-17 Feb Year 7E, 7F & 7G 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
22 Feb Junior School Assembly – 9.00am John Lever Gymnasium
23 Feb VCE Top Dance Performance
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 L/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
15 Mar Junior School Assembly – 9.00am John Lever Gymnasium
16 Mar Senior School House Athletics (VUT Werribee)
16 Mar Junior School Division Swimming (selected students)
22 Mar Year 4 Excursion – Ballarat Wildlife Park
23 Mar Junior School LOTE Day
24 Mar Junior School House Athletics
24-26 Mar Senior School Production Camp
27-31 Mar Year 9A, 9B & C Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Camp
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
  
  & 2.15pm
  Buses will coincide with the early finish times.

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Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program 2018
Information regarding the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program for 2018 is included on the School’s website www.bmg.vic.edu.au/enrolments
For further information contact the Principal’s Assistant on 5366 4800.

CURRENT FAMILY ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR 2018 ENTRY INTO PREP RECEIPTION, 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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Private Bus Service only-Junior School Bus Captains 2017
Students in Year 6, who are bus travellers, are provided the opportunity to apply to become a Junior School Bus Captain. The role of the Junior School Bus Captain is to support the Junior School students while travelling to and from school and to report to me any incidents of concern that need to be followed through. It is important to remember that these students are young children, who whilst they take their role very seriously, are not adults and are not there to discipline children. Their role is one of pastoral care and peer support.
Please note that only a couple of the Public buses have Junior School Captains.
Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Junior School Bus Captains for 2017:

- Hillside: Zara Hasiotis-Welsh
- Caroline Springs: Taylah Johnson
- Watergardens: Tom Trethowan
- Taylors Hill: Lachie Pantiz
- Werribee Pink: Abbi Bradford
- Werribee Blue: Evie Nathan
- Werribee Red: Reuben Carver
- Tessa Hovell: Jasmine Faranda
- Kensley Ward: Cooper King
- Werribee Bronze: Charlotte O'Connor
- Werribee Yellow: Zoe Daniel
- Werribee Gold: Connor Sinclair
- Rebecca Wall: Jade Cilia
- Werribee Purple: Ashleigh McGuire
- Werribee Black: Bethany Noyce
- West Melton: Chloe Biara
- West Melton: Amelia Perilli
- Aboriginal: Olivia Beggs
- Violet: Jemma Aguis
- Camerons Rd/ Elms: Josh Dei Mieri
- Kurunjang Bus: Ethan Marchington
- Eynesbury: Louis Cooper

**READING – Prep Parent Information Night**

*When:* Monday 20 February 2017  
*Location:* Wilson Hall  
*Time:* 7pm

Agenda for the Information Night:
- Discuss the different reading strategies that students need to use.
- Share useful prompts that will help your child in developing these strategies consistently.
- The importance of promoting reading for understanding rather than decoding.
- Share fun and effective ways to read with your child.
- Discuss the importance of the reading logbook.
- Provide a great opportunity to ask questions about any concerns you might have.

**READING - Parent Practical Workshops**

*When:*
- Tuesday 28th Feb 2017 – Prep (8.50am)  
- Wednesday 1st Mar 2017 – Year 1 (2pm)  
- Thursday 2nd Mar 2017 – Year 2 (8.50am)

*Location for all sessions:* Lecture Theatre

**Agenda items for the workshops:**
- Ask any questions about difficulties you might experience when reading with your child.
- Explore the different three reading strategies further and learn how to prompt your child to promote reading for understanding.
- Discuss the importance of reading the same book for multiple nights.
- Look at the difference between fluent, phrased and expressive reading.
- Learn to recognise what ‘good reading’ sounds like.
- Hand out practical tips and seeing a teacher model the prompts.

**BMG 2017 Junior School House Swimming**

On Friday 17 February, our annual Junior School House Swimming Carnival is being held at Melton Waves Swimming Pool. Students successful at the BMG tryouts will be participating in this competitive event. The competitive events will result in the selection for our district carnival which will be held on March the 2 at Melton Waves. If your child is not participating, they will be required to attend school as normal classes will continue to run, with staff who remain at school.

The children are expected to arrive at school, where they will be bussed to Melton Waves accompanied by staff. No students are permitted to be dropped off at Melton Waves as there will be no supervision prior to the arrival of school buses. The program is scheduled to start at 9.45am and will conclude with presentations at approximately 1.45pm. A copy of the program is attached to BMG News.

Please ensure that your child wears an appropriate bathing suit under their sports uniform. Students are to wear full sport uniform to and from school, which also includes their school hat and sunscreen. House colored t-shirts may be worn while at the pool.

**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.
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 absences may be phoned through the main school number on 5366 4800.

or

e-mail the Learning Hub via hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au

YEARS 5-7 SCHOOL PRODUCTION
NEWS

Years 5-7 School Production
Cinderella

All students involved in Cinderella need to attend rehearsals after school on Thursdays. Students requiring the late bus must sign up at the office.

Thursday 16 February
Dance Studio - 5D, 5E, 6C, 6D, 7D, (7E, 7F, 7G - on camp)
Wilson Hall - 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 7C

Students can now access Cinderella information on the Cinderella Moodle page. The first round of auditions will be completed this week. Students who were successful will move through to the next round.

Jenni Coombs
Years 5-7 Musical Coordinator

SENIOR SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB
NEWS

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

HEALTH CENTRE
NEWS

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 are no changes to the information forms are to be 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 NEWS**

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 NEWS**

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

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND NEWS**

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.

**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.
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