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Key Upcoming DATES

- 1-2 Mar Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
 1 Mar Reading Practical Workshop – Year 1 2PM Lecture Theatre
 1 Mar Senior School Indonesian Information Evening 6.30pm
 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
 8 Mar Year 9/10 Geography Fieldwork Excursion
 8 Mar Cyber Safety Parent Info Night – Parents Years 4-8 6.45PM
 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)
 20 Mar Year 7 Parent Information Session – Wall Planners
 22 Mar Year 4 Excursion – Ballarat Wildlife Park
 22 Mar VCE Top Class Music Performance
 23 Mar Junior School LOTE Day
 24 Mar Junior School House Athletics
 24 Mar Year 7 Egyptian Food Experience
 24-26 Mar Senior School Production Camp
 27-31 Mar Year 9A, 9B & 9C Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
 27 Mar – 6 Apr Year 10 Indonesian Trip
 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.

News in this Edition

From SS Principal – Mr Kevin Richardson

- Principal's Awards and School Colours
- Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews
- School Bus Behaviour

From JS Principal – Mrs Elizabeth O'Day

- BMPSSA Swimming Sports

General Information – Senior School Assessment Schedules

- Junior School – Years 5-7 Production
- Health Centre – Direct contact number 5366 4873.
- SRC Easter Raffle 2017 – donations requested
- Senior School; Cyber Safety, 2017 Japan Trip, Sports Update, Careers Information, Homework Club.
- myBMG – Parent Portal Information
- Bus, Camps and Excursion Fund – you may be eligible for funding.



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

Closing date of testing for

The closing date new students who have not submitted an Application for Enrolment to book in for the Scholarship Testing is Wednesday 15 March 2017.

For further information, contact the Principal's Assistant on 5366 4800.

CURRENT FAMILY ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR 2018 ENTRY INTO PREP RECEPTION and PREP

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 and Prep 2018.

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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded Principal's Awards for their achievements and involvement in an assortment of events;

- **Darcie Botes Year 11** – Community Service – donating her hair to the Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation, to assist people who suffer from hair loss for a variety of reasons
- **Nathan Martina Year 11** – Outstanding Achievement – attaining his Pilot's Licence, enabling him to fly solo, currently restricted to a 50km radius from Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome

- **Connor Poulton Year 9** – Excellence in Sport – Captain of a Western Region Junior Cricket team, participating in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union representative carnival

SENIOR SCHOOL COLOURS

School Colours and Leadership are held in high regard at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. School Colours are a recognition of involvement in school related activities and being a representative of Bacchus Marsh Grammar. There are many varied events and activities that students can opt to participate in, or be selected as a representative for. From the beginning of this semester, Senior School students are able to download a record sheet [Excel Spreadsheet] from the **student portal**, to keep a record of the events and activities that they are and have been involved in, allocate points and keep a personal record of their progress toward school colours.

Once they have achieved **90, 180 or 270 points**, they are to email their spreadsheet to me, as an application to be presented with their School Colours.

School Colours and being a representative of Bacchus Marsh Grammar is a key criterion for application and selection to leadership positions at all year levels throughout the Secondary and Junior School. An integral component of being selected to be a School Prefect in Year 12, is to have been awarded School Colours, demonstrating a commitment to Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Congratulations to the following students:

School Colours – 90 Points

Tunisha	Chawla	10F
Sophie	Dunn	10A
Amber	Eden-Jones	10B
Rebecca	Farnell	10G
Rachel	Jackson	10G
Elizabeth	Nuspan	10G
Bryce	Stephenson	10B
Victoria	Sutton	10F
Jarah	Vincenzino	10B
Milla	Place	11B
Nicholas	Archon	12C

Double School Colours – 180 Points

Jamiele	Cabato	10D
Elaxis	Chapman	10E
Chloe	Woolley	10D
Emily	Harbison	11B
Mia	Minto-Voss	11C
Rebekah	Staunton	11B
Nicole	Farnell	12E

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Senior school parent-teacher interviews will be held **Tuesday 7 March** in the afternoon/evening for Year 7 Students.

Wednesday, 15 of March is the Parent Teacher interviews for Year 11 & 12 students.

If you require an interview and were/are unable to attend, please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Parent teacher interviews are now booked via the myBMG PARENT PORTAL, accessed through the school website. The portal will be open for appointments approximately 2 weeks prior to the evening and close the day before the scheduled parent teacher date.

This session of Parent Teacher Interviews is an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss their child's progress to this point. Whilst the time allocated for each interview is **five minutes**, if you have further questions, etc... please make contact with your child's teacher and/or Year Level Coordinator to follow up and discuss any concerns arising from your Parent Teacher Interviews. Please allow a 5 minute gap between each interview for travel time.

Parent Teacher Interviews for students years 8 to 10, will occur early Term Two with dates as following:

26 April - Year 8 Parent teacher interviews

27 April - Year 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews

3 May - Year 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews

Please note these dates on your calendar, information will be provided to students and parents in the latter weeks of this term.

SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOUR

I must remind students that travelling on the school busses is a service organized by Bacchus Marsh Grammar and each student's place on the bus comes with some expectations. **Students should always travel in a safe and courteous manner.** Being well behaved on the bus encourages a safe environment for all passengers and allows the bus driver to go about his/her job with a minimum of STRESS. Being loud, throwing objects, teasing others, vandalism, graffiti, etc..... is not being well behaved and students committing these offences will have to be dealt with. Students who are unable to behave in a safe and courteous manner will place their position on the school bus in jeopardy. Please remind your son/daughter of their obligations whilst travelling on the school busses.

All Year 12 students (School Leaders by virtue of being Year 12) have been appointed as Bus Captains to monitor student's behaviour. The Bus Captains' role is to be a point of contact for Junior School students who are having difficulties and act as role models for all students travelling on the busses.

It is important that all students arrive at the bus stop approximately **3-5 minutes** before the bus is due to arrive and be ready to board upon arrival.

Many students are:

1. Waiting with parents in the car and only begin to get ready, collect school bag etc... after the bus has arrived – delaying the departure of the bus
2. Arriving at the bus stop as the bus is arriving – delaying the departure of the bus.

If parents are driving their child to the bus stop, please do not park in an area that interferes with path of the bus. Please park at a reasonable distance from to bus stop.

All Bacchus Marsh Grammar busses have **assigned seating**; students are expected to travel in their designated seat. If a student wishes to change their designated seat then they must request a change, in writing, giving reasons for the request.

On busses that have seat belts, the seat belt must be worn – as in any motor vehicle.

Parents are not to make contact with the bus captains, if there are any concerns regarding your child travelling on the school bus; please make contact with the Mrs. O'Day or myself.

Kevin Richardson

Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

B.M.P.S.S.A Swimming Sports-Thursday 2 March 2017

Selected students will represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the Bacchus Marsh Primary School Sports Association Swimming Sports after outstanding performance(s) at our school swimming carnival.

The B.M.P.S.S.A sports carnival is being held on Thursday 2 March at Melton Waves Leisure Centre. The children will be bused to and from school using a bus supplied by Bacchus Marsh Coaches. The team will be leaving school at 9.00am ready for a 10.00am start. The children will return to school for normal school dismissal. Students who progress to the Western Ranger Division level will compete at Werribee on a date to be advised.

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 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.**

- Parents must ensure to sign their child/children out when collecting from either the Learning or Sport Hub.

The Learning Hub and Sports 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 children'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

Please note these mobile numbers are not attended prior to 2.00PM each day. Prior to 2.00PM confirmation of absentees may be phoned through the main school number on **5366 4800**.

or

email the Learning Hub

hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au

Day	Dates	Activity
Monday	Monday 6 March Monday 20 March Monday 27 March	Athletics
Tuesday	Tuesday 7 March Tuesday 14 March Tuesday 21 March Tuesday 28 March	Racquet Games
Wednesday	Wednesday 8 March Wednesday 15 March Wednesday 22 March Wednesday 29 March	Cricket
Thursday	Thursday 9 March Thursday 16 March Thursday 23 March Thursday 30 March	Basketball

SENIOR SCHOOL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE PROGRAM

Two of the major contributors widely considered as contributors to poor academic performance, are failing to plan and failing to prepare adequately for those tasks that assess performance. In order to assist students to better deal with these issues, the School has produced an assessment schedule for each year level. The tables show the schedule of all the major assessment tasks that have been planned for your child's Year Level, for the entire year and gives your child a valuable tool with which to plan their time and manage their effort.

The school has produced an Assessment Schedule for Year 7 to 12 students. A paper copy of the schedules will be distributed to parents and students next week.

The Assessment schedules in the meantime can be accessed and referred to via the school's website on the Parent Portal under 'Documents', 'Child's Year Level', 'Other Information'.

www.bmg.vic.edu.au

YEARS 5-7 PRODUCTION NEWS

Years 5-7 Production - Cinderella

THERE WILL BE NO REHEARSAL THIS THURSDAY DUE TO THE JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS.

See you all next week.

Jenni Coombs

Junior Musical Coordinator

FLAG OF THE WEEK NEWS

Flag of the week

India - celebrating a Cricket First Test victory by the Australian First XI



SRC NEWS

BMG Easter Raffle 2017

The Junior and Senior School SRC (*Student Representative Council*) are again jointly holding an Easter Raffle as the main fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to charity chosen by the SRC groups.

The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with donations of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to the Administration Office marked **SRC RAFFLE**.

A booklet of 10 tickets has been sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by Monday 20 March 2017. Ticket butts need to **include a name and contact number**.

Prizes will be drawn at school and winners notified.

The prizes being raffled are:

Baskets of Easter Eggs

Thank you to the school community for your support of the SRC raffle.



CYBER SAFETY NEWS

Cyber Safety Parent Information Evening

To coincide with the school curriculum, our school has invited the internationally renowned cyber expert, Brett Lee, to address parents. Brett is the founder of INESS (Internet Education and Safety Services) and has previously worked in law enforcement, dealing with internet predators. Parents and students from Grade 4 to Year 8 have a unique opportunity to attend a presentation by Brett and become more informed and aware of the cyber world inhabited by adolescents.

The evening will be held in the school gymnasium on **Wednesday 8 March** at 6:45pm. Attendance slips have been sent home with all students from the above-mentioned year levels.

Cyber Safety Incursion

To coincide with the Parent Information Night all Year 7 students and Year 9 students will attend an incursion on March 8 during school hours to learn how to protect themselves when using technology online.

Dean Peplinkhouse

Assistant Principal - Years 5 to 8 Programme

LOTE NEWS



Japan trip 2017

We are now accepting deposits for the Japan trip which is planned for September this year. The deposits are due on **Monday 6 March** via the myBMG parent portal.

Please see Mrs Erhardt if you would like more information.

Fiona Erhardt

Learning Area Coordinator: LOTE

CAREERS NEWS

This year the BMG Careers Newsletter will be take on a new look and be coordinated by Academic Prefects, Shannyn Steyn and Liana Semcesen.

Students from all year levels are encouraged to browse through this document to help develop their career and post-secondary school course and job knowledge. A copy of this newsletter will be emailed to Year 12 students and is available for all other students and parents via the school website.

Alice Wu-Tollis

Careers Practitioner



"From the Gym"

ICCES Swimming

Apologies to the students who had their names incorrectly spelt on the ICCES Swim Team lists last week. The team lists have been amended and included again with this week's newsletter.

ICCES Swimming / Badminton and Table Tennis

A reminder to all that the ICCES Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday 8 March at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Events starting at 12.30pm and concluding at 4.00pm.

In addition to the ICCES Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 8 March ICCES will also be holding a Badminton and Table Tennis event.

***A reminder to all athletes chosen in teams to bring back their permission notices ASAP.

Graeme Frislie takes National Gold

Congratulations to FedUni WestVic Academy/ BMG Elite Sport scholarship holder **Graeme Frislie** Year 10, who dominated the **National Junior Track Cycling** Championships last week in Sydney. Graeme won **GOLD** in Time Trial, Individual Sprint (achieving a new National Record in qualifying) Team Pursuit; **SILVER** in Team Sprint and **BRONZE** in Keiren. Graeme also worked selflessly for a fellow Victorian athlete in the Scratch race to secure this young athlete a podium finish. A feat that was loudly applauded by coaches, fellow athletes and spectators alike. These results are a great reward for a young athlete who has worked tirelessly in training both on the track and in the S and C environment. Congratulations to not only Graeme but the whole team around him, family, coaches and friends.

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

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

Elizabeth Nuspan Year 10 FedUni WestVic Academy/ BMG Elite Sport scholarship holder who competed in the Australian National Track Cycling Championships in Sydney and won **BRONZE** in Team Sprint, with top-7 finishes in all of: Team Pursuit, Scratch Race and Individual Sprint.

- After flying back to Victoria on Saturday Elizabeth amazingly backed up on the road and competed Sunday at the Victorian Road Criterium Championship, winning in the Under 17 Womens Category; successfully defending her 2016 win.

Sophie McMinimee Year 10 FedUni WestVic Academy/ BMG Elite Sport scholarship holder competed in the first weekend of the Victorian Track & Field Championships finishing 6th in the Under 17 1500m.

Ethan McMinimee Year 9 FedUni WestVic Academy/ BMG Elite Sport scholarship holder also competed in the first weekend of the Victorian Track & Field Championships finishing 9th in Under 16 1500m.

Connor Poulton Year 9 Elite Sport represented Western Region Cricket in the Vic Metropolitan Cricket Union Carnival. As Captain Connor led the way with his team making the semi final of the tournament and Connor making the most runs in the carnival at an average of 58.25. Connor also then went on to win the Champion players award as voted by the umpires. Congratulations on a wonderful carnival Connor.

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

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

HEALTH CENTRE

The Health Centre is open between 8:30am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday. The direct phone number for the Health Centre is: **5366 4873**.

If your child is unwell and is required to be collected, they must present to the Health Centre and parents/guardians will be contacted by a member of staff.

Medication

If your child/ren requires medication whilst at school, it must be stored at the Health Centre. Any medications are to be provided in their original box, bottle and or packaging inclusive of an expiry date. In addition a note from the parents is required and must include the following information:

- **Name**
- **Name of Medication**
- **Dosage**
- **Time to be taken**

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.

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.

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

Cordinator 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**.

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones switched on during School hours.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Vision Australia has a library which can be accessed by students with Print Disability.

This means:

- You are blind or have low vision;
- You are unable to hold or manipulate books;
- You are unable to focus or move your eyes e.g. MS, stroke, severe arthritis; or
- You have a perceptual disability e.g. **dyslexia or a visual processing disorder**.

The link for Vision Australia Library is:

<http://www.visionaustralia.org/living-with-low-vision/library>

"We would love you to join our Library! Membership is **free** and available to people who have a print disability".

Due to Building Works - the On Campus Uniform Shop has temporarily moved to Wilson Hall (Wilson Hall Café)

On-campus Uniform Shop Holiday Hours

Last day Term One

Friday March 31 12.30 – 4.30

Holiday Hours

Monday 10 April 10 – 2

Tuesday 11 April 10 – 2

Wednesday 12 April 10 – 2

First day for Term Two

Wednesday 19 April 8 - 12



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

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