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Key Upcoming DATES

- 16 Mar Senior School House Athletics (VUT Werribee)
- 16 Mar Junior School Division Swimming (*selected students*)
- 17 Mar Year 7 Egyptian Food Experience
- 20 Mar Responsible Pet Education Incursion
- 20 Mar Year 7 Parent Information Session – *Wall Planners*
- 20 Mar DAV Debating Round 1 – *St Bernard's College Essendon*
- 22 Mar Year 4 Excursion – Ballarat Wildlife Park
- 22 Mar VCE Top Class Music Performance
- 22 Mar Tornelo Chess Competition – *Melton*
- 23 Mar Junior School LOTE Day
- 23 Mar Year 12 Port Phillip District Tour
- 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
- 29 Mar Junior School House Athletics
- 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.
- 3 Apr Legally Blonde Holiday Rehearsal 9.30
- 19 Apr Students and Staff commence Term 2
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 26-28 Apr Outdoor Ed Forest Expedition – Grampians
- 26 Apr Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26 Apr Junior School ANZAC Assembly
- 27 Apr Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 27 Apr Prep Excursion – Werribee Zoo
- 28 Apr Legally Blonde all day rehearsal
- 28 Apr Junior School BMPSSA Athletics

Friday 31 March is the End of Term 1– Earlier finish times
JS -2.05pm, SS – 2.15pm
Busses will coincide with the early finish times.

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".

News in this Edition

From SS Principal – Mr Kevin Richardson

- School Bus Behaviour

From JS Principal – Mrs Elizabeth O'Day

Change of date – Years 3-6 Athletics Wednesday 29 March

- BMPSSA Swimming Sports
- Responsible Pet Program

Scholarship Information

Enrolments - Current Families Prep 2018 – please read.

General Information

- Health Centre – Direct contact number **5366 4873.**
- SRC Easter Raffle 2017 – **last days**
- Staughton Vale News, LOTE
- Design and Technology Competition
- Senior School Sports Update, Homework Club.
- Bus, Camps and Excursion Fund – **you may be eligible for funding.**
- Uniform Shop Holiday Hours



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

The closing date for new students who have not submitted an Application for Enrolment to book in for the Scholarship Testing is Wednesday 15 March 2017. Portfolio applications and payment for current students and applicant students for Year 7 2018 is Friday 31 March.

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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Friday 31 March is the last day of Term One. **The finishing time for senior students** on this date will be at **2:15pm**. All bus schedules have been altered to suit the early finish. Please arrange to collect your child from the bus stop at the earlier time.

Given there are only two weeks of classes remaining for Term One, parents and students will need to commence the fitting of the full school (winter) uniform as it is required to be worn from the beginning of Term Two.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – JUNIOR & SENIOR SCHOOL

Full (winter) School Uniform is to be worn from the beginning of Term Two.

Check full (winter) uniforms over the term break to ensure that they comply with school regulations, to avoid any unnecessary consequences.

On days that are forecast to be unseasonably warm (greater than 25°) students may wear their Summer Uniform.

If your child is considering an “alternative” hair style, or extra piercings, please contact Mrs O’Day or myself for clarification on what is acceptable. Refer to uniform requirements as outlined in the front of the students diary.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Senior school parent teacher interviews are to be conducted this evening (Wednesday) for Year 11 & 12 students. If you required 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 two weeks prior to the evening and close the day before the scheduled parent teacher date.

INTERIM REPORTS/PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim Reports for all students, Years 7 to 10, and Term One Descriptive Reports for VCE/VCAL students are to be posted home during the Term One/Two holiday break. Please refer to the Interim and Descriptive reports in relation to the concerns and advice as given re: studies and school work.

Parent Teacher interviews for Years 8, 9 and 10 will occur on the following evenings:

- **26 April – Year 8 Parent teacher interviews**
- **27 April - Year 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews**
- **3 May - Year 9 & 10 Parent teacher interviews**

When making an appointment, **do not** book consecutive appointments for different teachers. **Allow 5 minutes between each appointment** – travel time from teacher to teacher.

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

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM TWO

The commencement date for students for Term Two is **Wednesday the 19th of April.**

Kevin Richardson

Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Athletics Carnival - Year 3- 6 Selected Students only as determined by the Athletics Trial results

**The Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled
from Friday 24 March to Wednesday 29
March due to Building Works occurring on
the school premises.**

Divisional Swimming

Selected students represent the Bacchus Marsh Primary School Sports Association at this year’s Divisional swimming carnival after outstanding performance(s) at our school swimming carnival and at the BMPSSA swimming carnival. The Divisional swimming sports carnival will be conducted on Thursday 16 March at Werribee Outdoor Pool, Watton St Werribee.

Responsible Pet Program

An educator from The Responsible Pet Education Primary School Program will be visiting Prep students to present a 40 minute session on responsible pet ownership. Preps will participate on Tuesday 21 March.

The Program includes a dog visit, multimedia tools, role play, song and story time.

The Program focuses on teaching students about dog safety:

- when dogs should be left alone
- things we should not do to dogs
- how can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- a safe way to approach and greet a dog
- what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog

Year 4 Excursion-Ballarat Wildlife Park

Students in Year Four are studying Biology in Science. They will focus on lifecycles, animal habitats and conservation issues. To raise student awareness and knowledge in these areas, Year Four students will be going on an excursion to the **Ballarat Wildlife Park**. This excursion will take place on **Wednesday 22nd March**. We will be travelling by bus and will be departing school at 9.00am. Following our Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion, we will travel by bus to Eureka Park in Ballarat to eat lunch, before returning to school.

Students are required to wear the correct summer school uniform, and will need to bring their drink, snacks and lunch packed into their BMG school bag or sports bag. Money is not needed as students will not have the opportunity to purchase anything on the day.

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 20 March Monday 27 March	Athletics
Tuesday	Tuesday 21 March Tuesday 28 March	Racquet Games
Wednesday	Wednesday 22 March Wednesday 29 March	Cricket
Thursday	Thursday 16 March Thursday 23 March Thursday 30 March	Basketball

SRC NEWS

Last Days to contribute!

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 the Royal Children's Good Friday Appeal.

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.



Accompanying the school Easter Raffle the junior SRC will be running a **"guess the eggs"** competition. This competition will run during lunchtimes until the Easter raffle is drawn on Monday 27 March. You can locate the jar of Easter eggs at the front of Wilson Hall during lunchtime. It will cost 20cents a guess or 5 for \$1.00. All donations made will also go towards the Good Friday Appeal.

The Junior SRC team.



Thank you for your support to date.

STAUGHTON VALE CAMPUS NEWS

Staughton Vale News

While development continues at the Staughton Vale Farm site the Year 8 and Year 6 students have participated in their second experience visiting Serendip Sanctuary, located in Lara. The park ranger conducted a wildlife walk around the property that showcased many of the native animals in their natural habitat. A number of species were highlighted as endangered and have been included in the Serendip Sanctuary captive breeding program.

Students were able to see first hand the grasslands and wetland ecosystems, that are present in the area and understand the many threats that these ecosystems are under in today's society. The knowledge gained from this experience will be utilised in the future on the farm campus, in order to care and maintain the property and protect local wildlife.

Bryce Durham
 Staughton Vale
 Coordinator





LOTE NEWS

On Thursday 23 March, the LOTE department has organised an International Day in both the Senior and Junior school.

It is important to celebrate our heritage and the various cultures that make up the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community. We also want to promote the languages we teach and encourage our students to be welcoming to people of all backgrounds and nationalities.

On International Day we are encouraging students to wear sports uniform to school and bring an item of clothing or an international costume they can wear **over their sports uniform**. A gold coin donation will be collected from each student and all money will be given to the school we support in Nepal.

All Year 7 students will see a Kendo demonstration in periods one and two. The Year 8 – 12 Japanese classes, and selected junior classes, will participate in a Kendo workshop during the day. At lunchtime, there will be Japanese Wadaiko drummers on the oval, badminton in the gym and Indonesian Saman dance in the Dance studio, as well as some craft activities happening in the Junior School.

The Canteen will have a variety of foods on offer: tacos, sushi, pizza, noodles, pasta and croissants, as well as some sweet treats. We are also having a pie van at lunchtime, but all pies need to be pre-ordered using Qkr.

We hope everyone will get involved in International Day!

The BMG LOTE Team

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Design an original and creative Toy to win the First Annual BMG Design and Technology Competition

Constraints of the Design:

- The design must be a toy
- It must include more than one material
- It must be for a particular age group of your choice

You need to submit:

- An A3 **coloured** drawing of the design with annotations explaining features and costs
- A brief statement about who the design is for and how it is **innovative & creative**.

Prizes Prizes Prizes

Design packs including markers, Posca pens and fineliners sponsored by Cavalier Art Supplies

Three Prize packs of \$70 for best entry in:

* Years 7-8

*Years 9-10

* Years11-12

One Prize pack of \$90 for best entry overall

Judging Criteria

1. The design is innovative and creative – not something you see all the time.
2. The design meets the needs of the chosen age group.
3. The design uses different materials.

Entries are to be submitted to the Technology room in O block **by Wednesday 22 March**. For more information see:

Mr Bryan, Mr Hexter, Mrs Loton, or Mrs Nolta

CAREERS NEWS

Please see the school website for the second Edition of the BMG Careers Newsletter.

Alice Wu-Tollis

Careers & Course Counselling: Practitioner

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS



“From the Gym”

ICCES Swimming/ Badminton and Table Tennis

What a fantastic day the BMG Mustangs had last Wednesday at the ICCES Swimming Carnival and the ICCES Badminton and Table Tennis Tournaments. The Swimming Team had been selected after the House Swimming Sports earlier in the term and had been training hard on a Tuesday night at Melton Waves with our swimming coaches Miss Nicole and Mr. Stone. All events on the day were hotly contested and swimmers had to swim either State times or extremely close to these times to even place in an event. Throughout the day Team BMG maintained a position in the top four and finally finished in a very successful fourth place. Final placings were as follows;

OVERALL RESULTS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1 ST	Ballarat Grammar	1021
2 ND	Gippsland Grammar	946.5
3 RD	Girton Grammar	913
4 TH	Bacchus Marsh Grammar	844.5
5 TH	Braemar College	725
6 TH	Goulburn Valley Grammar	657
7 TH	Hamilton & Alexandra College	560
8 TH	Highview College	245

As well as coming fourth overall on Aggregate three Bacchus Marsh Grammar athletes also won individual Age Group Champions Awards:

Age Group	Male Champion	Female Champion
Year 7	Charlie Whitsed Girton Grammar	Nava King Bacchus Marsh Grammar
Year 8	Harry Downing Girton Grammar	Catherine Zhao Ballarat Grammar
Year 9	Jack Sharp Hamilton & Alexandra College	Shauna Anderson Gippsland Grammar
Year 10	Sebastian Wood Girton Grammar	Jaime Paterson Bacchus Marsh Grammar
Year 11/12	Jackson Eekelshot Bacchus Marsh Grammar	Jemima Hutton Braemar College

The Year 8 Girls Medley Relay Team also broke the ICCES record on the day in a time of 2 min 23.99 secs

Congratulations should not only go to the Team who swam brilliantly but also to the Coaches and Physical Education staff that managed the team, headed by Mr Trent Oldaker.

Whilst our Swimming Team were performing admirably in the MSAC pool the Badminton and Table Tennis Teams were competing in the world class sporting facilities also at MSAC. Both teams had been chosen after a lengthy training and selection process and the best three athletes in two divisions, both male and female were selected.

In the badminton hall the students played extremely well and were runners up in the Junior Girls Division, only being beaten overall by a couple of points. Our other age group teams finished 4th Junior Boys, 5th senior Girls and 4th Senior Boys. This resulted in a 4th place overall on a count back in the Aggregate Shield.

The Table Tennis athletes also performed fantastically and final results will be published in next weeks' newsletter.

Overall the BMG Mustangs Teams that competed at the first ICCES events for 2017 have set an extremely high standard for the rest of the athletes in the school and we look forward to the athletics in term two.

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to Anzac Pirika who has have been performing brilliantly in athletics at State level:

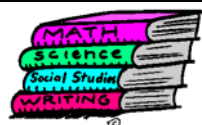
- **Anzac Pirika** – Year 7 had some amazing results recently at the State Athletic Championships winning gold in the U14 High Jump, gold in the U14 200m Hurdles and performing PB's in 90 hurdles, 400m, and Long Jump. Anzac will now compete in these events at the National Championships as well as the 4x100m Team that he has been selected for. Congratulations Anzac and good luck representing Victoria at the Nationals.

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

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.

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**.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Egyptian Cooking classes available

Sunday 19 March at 10:00am, Bacchus Marsh Grammar

Please book via the website: www.dynaeldaief.com

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.