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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School photographs occurred this week and I would like to thank Cathy Perconte for her organisation and past students who assisted her.

Photographs at this time of the year are disruptive to the school's academic program, this concerns me. It is also a difficult time of the year to marshal students when it is particularly cold and the normal organisation that is required to get photographs right. Some years ago we moved photographs to a time of the year that was less disruptive. There was a degree of parental concern at this change because children had photographs in summer rather than full school uniform. I would be interested if parents of students at school today have an opinion on this matter and would welcome feedback via email to school@bmg.vic.edu.au

I remind Junior School parents that if they have children on buses they or the responsible person picking their child up must present to the door of the bus so that the driver can see them. This is a requirement to ensure student safety. Obviously if a young student is with older siblings they fill the role of a responsible person. Equally, we understand and encourage older Junior School students to be given the right and responsibility to walk home from the bus. A form and further information is being distributed to Year 5 and 6 students to ensure we have parental approval for students to walk home from the bus without a parent present at the bus. Further information will also be distributed to all junior school parents.

NAPLAN results will be released to schools in the coming weeks. I have had slightly more questions in relation to NAPLAN than I have had in past years. The school understands the need for NAPLAN style tests and believe they can provide useful information on individual student progress. Like all assessments they are as much "art" as "science". NAPLAN needs to be considered alongside the assessments being undertaken every week in the normal classroom situation. Unfortunately the tests are often given a significance beyond that which they warrant and raw data is often used for quite spurious comparisons. In short, they are valuable but not the most important thing we do. NAPLAN data is reviewed by staff before it is distributed and if any patterns that are unusual are picked up staff will look to initiate a conversation with parents. Equally, I would encourage staff to contact the school if they have any concerns or desire for clarification of outcomes. NAPLAN parent reports will be delivered to schools the week commencing 14 August and will be distributed to parents shortly after.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

Key Upcoming DATES

4 Aug	Junior School Assembly
4 Aug	VCE Hospitality Excursion – <i>The Langham</i>
7 Aug	Year 7 puberty Incursion
8 Aug	SS Winter Football Cup - Ballarat Grammar
8 Aug	Geology Fieldtrip
7-11 Aug	Science Week
10 Aug	Science Night (5pm-7.30pm)
10 Aug	JS Bravehearts Incursion (Prep –Year1)
10 Aug	Unit 2 Geography Fieldtrip
11 Aug	JS Fundraising Sausage Sizzle
14 Aug	Year 12 Dance Excursion – <i>Melbourne Girls College</i>
14-16 Aug	Senior Instrumental Concert Series
15 Aug	Senior School Parent-Teacher Interviews
15 Aug	Maths Competition – Nominated Students
16 Aug	JS Vietnam Trip Information Night – Trip 2 2017
16 Aug	JS Literacy Parade Years Prep - 4– <i>Gymnasium 9.00AM</i>
16 Aug	ICES Football Cup – <i>Darley & Maddingley</i>
17 Aug	Senior School Parent-Teacher Interviews
17 Aug	Prep A Farm Excursion
17 Aug	Incursion – John Marsden
17 Aug	Year 11 Drama Excursion
18 Aug	BMG Snow Camp – Mt Buller
18 Aug	Mid Term Break – No School Students and Staff

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SCHOOL PHOTOS 2017

Orders for students School Photos will be open until Sunday 6 August on the MSP Photography website or you may call them direct on 5333 5577. <http://www.msp.com.au/ballarat>
Leadership photos will be available for viewing and purchase at a later date to be advertised via the newsletter.

**FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL.
PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

A reminder to parents of the Parent Teacher interviews for all Year Levels 7 to 12 will occur on Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 August. **The booking portal is now open for bookings.**

This round of Parent Teacher interviews allows for the following:

1. To meet with staff if families were unable to do so in Semester One.
2. To meet with teachers for new classes in Semester Two
3. To address minor concerns raised from Semester One Report.
4. To discuss strategies with class teachers for areas of improvement for your child.

Please keep in mind that if you have any major concerns with regard to your child's progress at school, interviews can be arranged at suitable time to discuss at length any such concerns.

If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher for an interview time that is mutually suitable. If concerns were raised and further discussion is required, please contact your child's Year Level Coordinator and/or teacher to arrange a time for a more detailed interview.

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 11 2018

All current Year 10 students should now have a copy of the 2018 VCE Handbook, handed out at the VCE Parent Information Evening, and access to Web Preference to complete their selection for subjects for their VCE years. Following on from the information presented to parents and students, if there are any concerns regarding subject selection, please direct them to the student's Tutor Group teacher. Mrs Erin Thornton will be managing Web Preferences enquiries.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2018

The process for selection of the 2018 Senior School Leaders has commenced. All applicants have had a formal interview and were involved in Leaders Day on Monday. Thanks to Ms Desira, Mrs Thornton and the current Year 12 Leaders for running a very successful day.

WELCOME TO OUR JAPANESE VISITORS

Last Wednesday we welcomed staff and students from our sister school in Kumamoto. They have already experienced some attractions close to home, such as Sovereign Hill and Donegan's Farm. We hope they all have an enjoyable stay with us at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

SCIENCE WEEK and SCIENCE FAIR

Next week is Science week. The Science staff have planned activities throughout the week for students at school. Parents and students are also able to attend the Science Fair on Thursday 10 August from 5:00 – 7:30pm in the W Block Gallery for demonstrations and hands-on activities. An information flyer is attached to the newsletter.

Jennifer Jovanovic

Assistant Principal - Acting Head of Senior School

**ICAS Science Results
Student Awards 2017**

Congratulations to the following students on their fine achievement:

Year 3

High Distinction

Joshua Pittard Callum Fisher

Distinction

Aayzal Kahal James McDaid
Joel Mitchell Spencer Narracott
Daniel Schukin Brooke Park
Ori Daniel Joel Scarparci

Credit

Aryan Chadha Mia Cummins
Eknoor Gill Hunter Knight
Isabella Prada Daniel Robins
Chloe Lang

Merit

Abbey Collins Kayden Hopkins

Year 4

High Distinction

Tianna Di Mieri

Distinction

Karan Singh Roshyna Attwal

Katie Ambrogio

Credit

Scout Sliwa Angel Malhotra
Gabrielle Villegas Katie Thet
Samuel Nell Amelia Wilson
Shreya Vadapalli Leon Earnshaw
Lucas Harper Anusha Mohan
Alyssa Normington Sehaj Grewal
Venuli Senanayake Aditya Singroha

Merit

Joanne Joseph Isabella Te Paa
Uday Chaudhary Hunter Kavanagh
Matthew Dennett Kristian Andjic
Jacob Cassar Alisha Conway
Noah Hanson Gregory Litvin
Lachlan Goodman Ruben Gurung
Gurleen Kaur Vedit Shamihoke
Kuvam Sharma Vivien Horvath
Tahlia Srbinovski James Farren

Year 5

Distinction

Oscar Greenshields Eva Green
Isaac Fisher Aleisha Syres

Credit

Jake Parton Jake Junqueira
Marlee Wilson Ella Closter
Zack Burston Joss Emini
Chinmayi Potluri Alyssa Micallef
Harry Jackson Kareem Atalla
Roxy Ward Demaira Kahal
Thomas Morton Kobe Shirra-Gibb

Merit

Murphy O'Connor Jazmin Park
Jaeden Cabato Anika Kanneganti

Year 6

Distinction

Jack Buskens	Benjamin Peterson
Maddox Edwards	Luke O'Neil
Kyle McInnes	Alexandra Lang-Boyd
Mackai La Rocca	Jordyn Mace

Credit

Ethan Marchington	Annalise Nolta
Oliver O'Mahoney	Emmerson Kitchin
Evie Nathan	Zoe Daniel
Kael Downton	Thomas Bens
Samuel Seric	Joshua Huxtable

Merit

Rosie Green	Brandan Knight
Tristan Noorman	Riley Pridham
Abe Penny	

ICAS Spelling Competition

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their fine achievement:

Year 3

High Distinction

Isabella Prada	Chloe Lang
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Distinctions

Joel Mitchell	Joshua Pittard
Olivia Shin	

Credit

Benjamin Firez	Aayzal Kahal
Aryan Chadha	Kayden Hopkins
Calum Fisher	Eknoor Gill
Lachlan Hunter	Mason Pohatu
Joel Scarpaci	

Merit

Justin Robins	Ishaan Venkatesh
Daniel Schukin	Hunter Knight
Brooke Park	Amy Whittaker

Year 4

Distinction

Angel Malhotra	Joanne Joseph
Samuel Nell	Vidit Shamihoke
Noah Hanson	Katie Thet

Credit

Matikudza Mukodi	Rani Pavlidis
Gabrielle Villegas	Matthew Dennett
Arnav Gehlot	Alyssa Normington
Shaniya Mercieca	Kristian Andjic
Roshyna Attwal	Sehajvir Grewal
Ruben Gurung	Gurdev Kaur
Imogen Lughermo	Jack Oakley
Arabelle Poucher	Emma Williams

Merit

Briony Cattermole	Felicity Gribbin
Vivien Horvath	Xavier Evans
Charlotte Perilli	Karan Singh
Shreya Vadapalli	Alisha Conway
Stefan Karajcic	Keisha Tau

Year 5

Distinction

Alyssa Micallef	Jack Burston
Isaac Fisher	Harry Jackson

Credit

Phoebe McMinimee	Aleisha Syres
Eva Green	Kareem Atalla
Ella Closter	Joshua Shin
Roxy Ward	Oscar Greenshields
Meara Oppy	Kobe Shirra-Gibb
Kyla Stainton	Joss Emini
Chinmayi Potluri	Tyra Stanley

Merit

Madeline Clinton	Jack Parton
Kye Evans	Jazmin Park
Anika Kanneganti	Nicholas Iyer

Year 6

Distinction

Samuel Seric	Marko Karajcic
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Credit

Jack Buskens	Kieran Davey
Oliver Huxtable	Amity Pallpratt
Tristan Noorman	Cooper Schulze
Jai Gathercole	Abby Grahek
Jordan Mace	Noah O'Donnell

Merit

Mackai LaRocca	Stacie Oakley
Sophie Bill	Riley Pittard
Thomas Bens	Jackson Brown

Junior School Assembly

The next Junior School Assembly will be conducted on Friday 4 August at 9.00am in the gymnasium. The following items will feature:

- Prep A Performance
- Prep B Performance
- Prep C Performance
- Year 2-4 Choir Performance

The following students will be awarded their **Junior School**

Colours:

Abigail Bradford	Olivia Beggs
Chloe Baira	Lucy Conroy
Kael Downton	Marko Karajcic
Mackai La Rocca	Tyra McDonald
Grace Mutsaerts	Abbey Newcombe
Noah O'Donnell	Luke O'Neil
Lachlan Pantazis	Abe Penny
Amelia Perilli	Tom Trethowan
Rebecca Wall	

Prep Co-Curricular change

Term 3 sees a change in the Prep After School Co-curricular program. The four after school classes affected are; Literacy Enrichment, Literacy Support, Numeracy Enrichment and Numeracy Support. These co-curricular classes will now run during various lunchtimes from 12.45 - 1.30pm. If your child currently attends one of these after school co-curricular programs, they are invited to attend the lunchtime session instead.

Term 3 Co-curricular Program begins on Wednesday 2 August

Please see the table below for session times:

Activity	Time	Room / Teacher
Literacy Enrichment	Monday Lunchtime	E5 / Leanne Ward
Literacy Support	Wednesday Lunchtime	E2 / Kylie McKerrow and Chantelle Estlick
Numeracy Enrichment	Wednesday Lunchtime	E3 / Belinda Rzanovski
Numeracy Support	Wednesday Lunchtime	E4 / Sandra Spriggs

These changes are effective immediately. Students in Prep who are bus travellers, will be required to use their normal school service on Wednesdays after school. There will be no late bus service for Prep Students in Term 3 on a Wednesday evening. A reminder that this week the co-curricular program has been cancelled due to parent-teacher interviews.

Use of the School Oval and Adventure Playgrounds

Students in the Junior School have been made aware that the school oval and adventure playgrounds are **OUT OF BOUNDS** areas both before and after school. Consequences will be administered if students are found using these areas at these times. Parents are to note that the school adventure playgrounds are not for use of toddlers at any time during the school day.

Elizabeth O'Day

Deputy Principal - Head of Junior School

POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS

Making Helpful Rules

Rules are meant to help reduce conflict and increase peace within your household. They should be employed when they will achieve that purpose. Overuse of rules can have the exact opposite effect, creating a rigid, tense environment. How do you know when a rule is needed? For instance, must a 10-year old child have a bedtime rule or is it okay for the child to simply go to sleep when he/she is tired? Does it make a difference if the child is 6 years old or 13? Should children have rules about eating? What about computer rules, T.V., homework and so on?

Actually, there are no hard and fast rules about rules. Since every child is different and every home is unique, each home will have its own individual set of rules to relax by. Flexible parents assess the situation and determine whether or not a rule will be helpful. When a child does not need a rule it is not always necessary to impose one.

Parents and children can make rules collaboratively or parents can make them alone (most appropriate when dealing with very small children). When a parent has noticed a difficulty that could be resolved by the formation of a rule, he or she can talk to the child about how they are feeling and ask the child/ren for suggestions to change this. The parent can take those suggestions into consideration when forming the rule.

For example:

"I seem to be making four different dinners every evening and I'm no longer prepared to do that. I'm open to suggestions from you kids regarding a reasonable dinner rule. The one I am thinking about right now is that everyone eats the one meal that is prepared. If you have any better ideas, I'll be happy to consider them."

Often kids have excellent ideas – especially if they have experienced reasonable rules when they were younger. Although children's suggestions are always a welcome part of rule-making, it is important that you, as an adult, maintain the leadership position. This, after all, is your job.

Adapted from: Chana-Radcliffe, Sarah (2010) *Raise Your Kids Without Raising Your Voice*. BPS Books. New York, New York.

I hope you are enjoying the weekly newsletter entries about positive parenting and finding them helpful. If you have any topics you would like covered or want to offer any constructive feedback, please feel free to email me: johnstonv@bmg.vic.edu.au

Veronica Johnston

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 such as fruit, vegetables or sandwiches 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

Term Three 2017 Sports offered:

Day	Dates	Activity
Monday	Monday 7 Aug Monday 14 Aug Monday 21 Aug Monday 28 Aug Monday 4 Sept Monday 11 Sept Monday 18 Sept	AFL
Tuesday	Tuesday 8 Aug Tuesday 15 Aug Tuesday 22 Aug Tuesday 29 Aug Tuesday 5 Sept Tuesday 12 Sept Tuesday 19 Sept	All Ball Sports
Thursday	Thursday 3 Aug Thursday 10 Aug Thursday 17 Aug Thursday 24 Aug Thursday 31 Aug Thursday 7 Sept Thursday 14 Sept Thursday 21 Sept	Dance

**JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY
NEWS**



ALPHASHOWS will be performing 'The Snow Queen'. This is an interactive stage show which will expand on the basic story, exploring the topics of friendship, family, and being true to who you are without fear.

ALPHASHOWS is one of the many touring companies that brings the arts into schools. They specialise in bringing real, quality theatre to people who may not normally have the opportunity to see a full production musical. For more information, please visit <http://www.alphashows.com.au/shows/snowqueen/>

Each P-4 grade will attend the performance on Tuesday 22 August 2017.



There are only six weeks left to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge! The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all students from Prep to Year 10.

The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading and builds upon the literacy programs already in place at School, as well as providing a wonderful way for parents to encourage their child to read and improve their literacy skills. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student. The Challenge also encourages students to read more frequently and more broadly, with a wide range of authors and books making up the booklist.

Prep, Year 1 and 2 students are challenged to read or experience 30 books. They can either read the books by themselves, with someone else or be read to. **All P-2 classes at Bacchus Marsh Grammar will do the Challenge together as a class.**

Students in Years 3-6 must read 15 books to meet the Challenge. Two-thirds of the books for all students need to be from the 2017 Challenge booklist.

Logon details will be provided to Year 3-6 students this week.

The Challenge ends on 8 September 2017. All students who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate from Victoria's Premier Daniel Andrews.

Students who have returned an online Honour Roll consent form will also have their names published on the online Honour Roll.

Further details of the Challenge and the full list of books are available from the PRC website: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

BMG Annual Writing Competition

Theme:
"Abracadabra!"
said the strange little man!

This must be the focus of your story.

The rest is up to your imagination!

All BMG students in Years 2 – 6 can enter.

You can type or handwrite your stories.

All hard copies of submission must be submitted to Mrs West by 4pm 10th August 2017.

Emailed entries will not be accepted.

Don't forget to include your name and grade!

Good Luck!

Feona West
Head of Junior School Library

PREP NEWS

On Monday the 31 of July the Prep students celebrated a big event.....their 100th day of Prep! The Prep students marked the occasion by creating a special 100th day crown to parade around in during their special day. The students engaged in a writing activity, When I am 100...., which are on display in their classrooms. They also took part in numerous literacy and math activities based around the number 100. Well done to all the Prep students for a fantastic day of celebrating this wonderful milestone.



JUNIOR SCHOOL SRC ACTIVITIES

Vietnam-Loc Tho Pagoda and Charity School

As part of our Vietnam Study Tour experience, the Junior School plans to continue to support and assist less fortunate children from Vietnam through sponsorship of the Loc Tho Pagoda and Charity School. All money raised by the Junior School will be directed toward providing much needed vitamins, stationary and resources for less fortunate children located in the area of Loc Tho Pagoda.

On **Friday 11 August**, the Junior SRC will run a sausage sizzle in support of this cause. Students will need to have all purchases pre-ordered and paid for online through **Qkr App** if they wish to participate in this special day.

Please complete your order online through the Qkr App by **11AM Friday 4 August 2017**. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any issues in ordering online. Details on how to use the **Qkr App** are attached to the newsletter.

Junior School Footy Day

On Wednesday the 23 August, the SRC will be holding a FOOTY DAY! This footy day will consist of:

- Students are permitted to wear a football jumper, scarf or beanie with their school sports track pants or shorts. Students who partake in this activity do so for a 'gold coin donation'. The money raised will go towards Loc Tho Pagoda, our sponsored orphanage in Vietnam.
- Football competitions/games on the oval at lunchtime

The September Year 6 study tour is preparing to travel, and as one of their goals is to teach the children of the orphanage how to play AFL, we thought a football day would be an appropriate activity to raise some funds for us to purchase

some sports equipment for the Orphanage and Charity School.

Please come in your team's colours, be involved in the lunchtime competitions and help support the SRC and Vietnam study tour group.

Bianca Gordon

SRC Coordinator - Junior School

MUSIC NEWS



Senior School Instrumental Concert Series

Entries for this event have now closed. Students who intend to perform with backing tracks should provide Mr Troy Westgarth with the appropriate track no later than this **Friday 4 August**: westgartht@bmg.vic.edu.au

Junior School Instrumental Concert Series

The Junior School Instrumental Concert Series is to be held between **Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 August (Week Seven)**. All Junior School students who learn an instrument or voice (they may be part of the school instrumental program or learn outside of school) are encouraged to perform.

Students who receive lessons at BMG are to complete entries via their Instrumental Music teachers. All entries for students who are not currently part of the BMG Instrumental program should be collected from and handed back to Student Administration. Once all entries have been collated, parents will be sent a notice outlining the performance details for students i.e. night, venue, time etc.

The deadline for submitting entry forms will be Friday 11 August. No entries will be accepted after this time.

We look forward to a wonderful showcase of our up-and-coming young musicians.

Mr Steven Bell

bells@bmg.vic.edu.au

2018 Instrumental Program

All students currently enrolled in the instrumental music program in 2017 will be required to re-enrol for 2018 if they wish to continue lessons.

Re-enrolment forms for the Instrumental Music Program for 2018 will be sent home to existing students on 4 September. **The re-enrolment form must be completed even if you are wishing to cancel out of the program.** This form **MUST** be returned to the Music Administrator Fran Raynor by **Friday 13 October 2017** to secure your child's place in the 2018 Instrumental Music Program **or to cancel** from the program. If no notice has been received by this date, students may lose their current place in the program and will be added to the waiting list until further notice.

Students wishing to enrol into the 2018 instrumental program who are not currently part of the program, need to fill out an expression of interest form which can be found at the following link on the school website;

<http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/uploads/ppage/files/Music%20-%20Enrolment%20Form%20Gen%202018%20SEM%201.pdf>

Formal letters of offer will be sent to parents in Week 5 of Term 4.

Please note that allocated teachers may change from year to year due to a number of factors. Every effort is made for students to retain their existing teachers, but this is not always possible.

In the instance that a student is enrolled in a **shared lesson** format and a suitable partner to share with is not available, students will continue to be enrolled in a shared lesson format but will receive a reduced private lesson of 20 minutes.

Parents are encouraged to contact the Music Administrator, Ms Fran Raynor, if they have any queries about enrolment, lesson format, instrument purchase/hire or any other general music enquiries.

Dean Thomas

Director of Music

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS



“From the Gym”

ICCES X-Country, Debating and Chess

Congratulations to all athletes that have made the BMG Mustangs ICCES X-Country, Debating and Chess Teams for 2017. We look forward to hearing about Wednesday's results in both the Teams and Individual events.

BMG Mustangs AFL to host ICCES Football Carnival on the 16 August

The BMG years 7/8 and 9/10 Boys AFL Football Teams as well as the Girls Football Teams will play Braemar College, Girton Grammar and Goluburn Valley Grammar on the 16 August in our annual ICCES Cup competition. This competition was played last year and it has strengthened to now include four ICCES Schools in the Round Robin Competition.

The games will be played at;

9.30 am at Maddingley Park - Year 9 and 10

9.30 am at Darley Park - Years 7 and 8 and,

9.30 am Maddingley park “Siberia” Girls Football

The format will be round robin with all schools playing each other throughout the day. Teams are in the process of being finalized with notices handed to all athletes.

Good luck to both coaches Mr Castrignano Year7/8 and Mr. Long Year 9/10 and Mrs Garner and Mr Stone Girls Football.

Senior Football vs Ballarat Grammar School

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Mustangs will play their annual Senior School Football match against Ballarat Grammar School on the 8 August at 4.00pm at Ballarat Grammar School. This is the third year that the VCE boys have had the opportunity to play AFL against Ballarat Grammar with the ledger placed at one all, with the Mustangs winning last year's home game at Maddingley Park. We wish the coaches Mr Castrignano and Mr Long as well as our boys all the best.

Congratulations to our Athletes

Congratulations to;

James Roberts Year 9 (Bacchus Marsh Grammar Elite Sports Program) who recently was named in the U15 Western Jets Winter Legends Squad. This is an outstanding achievement in an extremely competitive sporting environment.

Ben DeBortoli nominated for WestVic Athlete of the Year

Good luck to Ben DeBortoli WestVic/BMG Elite Sport Scholarship holder in the WestVic “Athlete of the Year” award which will be presented on Wednesday 2 August. This award recognises the very best athletes supported by FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport and their achievements for 2016 and 2017. The event will be hosted by the Ballarat Sportsmens Club at Ballarat Golf Club as the feature of their August dinner.

In the meantime train hard, get active and stay healthy!

Andrew Perks

Director of Sport

CAREERS NEWS

The first BMG Careers Newsletter of Term 3 (Edition #8) has been emailed to students in Years 9-12, and also features on the school website.

Alice Wu-Tollis

Careers & Course Counselling: Practitioner

STAUGHTON VALE NEWS

This term we have had rain, hail, wind, and sunshine! The students have managed to be very productive despite Victoria's love to dish up 4 seasons in one day, with some excellent photos of the land being taken! The bus turn around garden has seen great development. The surprisingly large area has been mulched and the planting of native grasses has begun, shrubs will be planted next, followed by some trees. Both the Grade 6's and Year 8's have worked hard to get the garden to this stage.

The Year 8's have also taken part in a geography lesson, investigating the landforms and the associated geomorphological processes found at campus. The Grade 6's completed a macroinvertebrate investigation, where they discovered what type of bugs lived on the property within leaf litter found underneath the trees, then

studied the various shapes of the bugs to better understand their physical adaptations that help them to survive. Lastly, both year levels participated in an art activity designed to help them reflect, and gain a deeper appreciation for nature. Students worked in small groups to create their own Mandala, a Hindi form of art that uses resources from the natural environment that can be used to represent something or to be visually appealing.

Nick Armstrong



ART NEWS

Congratulations to all of Year 4, year 7A Art class and the VCE Art class on completing 'The Seasons' Mural. The Year 4 students all contributed to designing and painting the landscape that depicts the four seasons.

Year 7A Art students and the VCE Art students both led separate Year 4 groups working collaboratively with the students, assisting and guiding them as they painted The mural.

Thank you to all involved in creating the mural and well done Year 4!



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.

Jo Stanley
School Nurse

BUS NEWS

Attention parents of junior school bus travellers:

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.

This will require parents / guardians to leave their cars and proceed closer to the bus so the driver can confirm that junior students have been collected.

Kerryn Browne
Bus Coordinator

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Conveyance Allowance

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

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

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible;
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary;
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended;
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

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 for further information or to obtain an application form. Forms must be completed and returned to the office no later than Friday 25 August 2017.

Kerryn Browne
Administration

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The On Campus Uniform Shop has relocated to its new permanent home adjacent to the carpark and opposite the Hospitality Centre.



"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



We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From 26 July 2017 until September 19 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.



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Enrolments
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Cycle 1 Preschool: 3 - 6 years
Toddler Group: 2.5 - 3.5 years
Early Learners Playgroup: 1.5 - 2.5 years

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