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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are fast approaching the end of the Term. I would like to complement the Senior School on the way they have approached the mid-year examinations. Exams are an important component of the VCE process and the more practice that students can get the better prepared they are for the rigours of that process.

Kevin Richardson and his wife Li will be taking Long Service Leave during Term 3. I wish both of them a much deserved and restful break. During Kevin's Absence Mrs Jenny Jovanovic will be acting Head of the Senior School and Mrs Deb Ogston acting Assistant Head of the Senior School.

Today is the "shortest day" of the year and whilst it has been a particularly mild winter so far, I think we will all be pleased to see the days lengthen out again. I wish everyone a restful mid-semester break and remind the School and wider Community of the Administration Office closure, there will be no access to the office or School site from Monday 3 July to Friday 7 July.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

School Holiday Office Hours

Monday 26 June to Friday 30 June
8:30am to 4:30pm.

Monday 3 July to Friday 7 July - School Closed

Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July
9:30am to 3:30pm

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2017-Term 3 2017

Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2 and
Thursday 3 August 2017

Group Graduation Photos for Year 6, Year 12 and School Leadership Photos for Junior and Senior school will be taken on Tuesday 1 August. *A full timetable is TBC.*

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

News in this Edition

From Head of the Senior School – Mr Kevin Richardson; End of Term 2, Commencement of Term 3, Senior School Semester Reports, Principals Award.

From Head of the Junior School – Mrs Elizabeth O'Day; Regional Cross Country, BMPSSA Winter Sport Day, Sports Hub Term 3.

- Positive Parenting
- Music News – Violin and Piano opportunities 2018.
- Scholastic Bookfair
- Premiers Reading Challenge.
- Host Families needed for Term 3 Japanese Exchange Students **26 July - 4 August 2017**
- Senior Art and Homework Clubs
- Career News

General News

- **Health Centre** – Direct contact number **5366 4873.**
- **Bus, Camps and Excursion Fund** – **you may be eligible for funding if you hold a valid Healthcare Card.**

Key Upcoming DATES

22 Jun	Junior School Regional Cross Country
22-23 Jun	ICCES Winter Tour
22 Jun	Interschool Chess Championships
23 Jun	BMPSSA Winter Sport Day
23 Jun	End of Term 2 - normal dismissal times Junior School – 3.05PM Senior School – 3.15PM
24 Jun-1 Jul	Senior School New Caledonia Trip
26-30 Jun	Year 10 Work Experience Week.
29 Jun	Studio Arts National Gallery Excursion
2-10 Jul	Senior School Singapore Sports Tour
3-7 Jul	School Office Closed
18 Jul	Term 3 Commences for students
19 Jul	Western Water Incursion-Prep
21 Jul	Immunisations Years 10, 11 and 12
24-28 Jul	Scholastic Book Fair Sales
24-26 Jul	Year 8D, 8E, 8F and 8G Recreation Camp (<i>Lake Dewar</i>)
24 Jul	VCE Legal Studies Excursion – Magistrates Court
25 Jul	Robotics Excursion-Selected students
26-28 Jul	Year 8A, 8B and 8C Recreation Camp (<i>Lake Dewar</i>)
26 Jul	Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
27 Jul	Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
27-28 Jul	Outdoor Ed Alpine Expedition (<i>Mt Buller</i>)
31 Jul	100 days of Prep Celebration
31 Jul	ICAS English Competition
31 Jul	DAV Debating Round 5
1-3 Aug	School Photo Days (<i>Timetable TBC</i>)
2 Aug	ICCES Cross Country
2 Aug	ICCES Debating & Chess at BMG
2 Aug	Year 11 2018 Information Night
3 Aug	JS AFL Girls Footy Team Day
10 Aug	JS Bravehearts Incursion (Prep –Year1)

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

END OF TERM TWO: FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2017

Friday June 23 is the last day of Term Two.

**The school day will finish at 3:15pm for the Senior School.
(Normal dismissal time)**

Students are to clear their locker of rubbish etc. Parents should also check school bags at the beginning of the term break to remove food items and uniform in readiness for the start of Term Three.

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM THREE: TUESDAY 18 JULY

Commencement day for students is **Tuesday 18 July**. Week **Two** of the Senior School Timetable will operate from the commencement of Term Three.

SEMESTER ONE, 2017 REPORTS

Currently Senior School student descriptive reports are being collated and will be posted to parents during the first week of the Term Break. Please ensure that reports are read, especially the descriptive comments and implement any suggested strategies for improvement in Second Semester. Please make contact with teachers and/or Year Level Coordinators if you have any concerns that need to be addressed as a result of your child's report.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

At Senior School Assembly this week, a Principal Award Certificate was awarded to **Teagan Marsh of Year 12F**. Teagan's Principal's Award was for being selected to complete her work experience with the Navy in Darwin, Northern Territory at H.M.A.S Coonawarra, on the Patrol Boats. The selection process was quite arduous with Teagan being one of five selected from throughout Australia which was a very competitive selection process and a great honour.

Kevin Richardson

Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

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

As the Semester draws to an end, I hope that all families enjoy the term break and have the opportunity to have some quality time with their families.

Please Note: Term 3, students return on Tuesday 18 July 2017

Regional Cross Country

Students who have qualified for this division will compete tomorrow. Congratulations to all students on this outstanding achievement.

Chess Tournament

Selected students will represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the Interschool Chess Championship on Thursday 22 June at Alice Miller School in Macedon.

The students will be bussed to and from school via Bacchus Marsh Coaches. We will be leaving school at 8.30am, ready for

a 9.30am start. The students will return to school for normal school dismissal.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school in full school uniform.

Students are required to bring a packed lunch from home, as students will not be permitted to buy food and drinks. Please make sure you read and understand the following statement as copied from the Chesskids website (www.chesskids.com.au) about this event:

'Photographs may be taken of each event and published in the local or state media, website, newsletter, magazine or used in future advertising materials. Sometimes we are even lucky enough to have TV cameras take footage for the news! By entering this event you agree that all students in your team understand and accept this condition.

Should any students NOT wish to be photographed, we must be notified in writing prior to start of the event'.

BMPSSA Winter Sport Day

On Friday 23 June, Year 6 and some Year 5 children will be participating in the B.M.P.S.S.A. Winter Sports Round Robin. If the weather is unfavorable, then the netball and newcombe teams will play regardless as they are played at indoor venues. The other sports will be held at a later date if this occurs.

The sports, venues and staff attending are as follows:

SPORT	VENUE	STAFF ATTENDING
Netball	BMG	Ms Romaszko and Ms Farley
Football	Maddingley Park	Mr Sher and Mr La Franchi
Tee-ball	Masons Lane	Mr Symes, Ms Majewski, Mrs Chadwick and Ms McMahan
Newcombe	Bacchus Marsh Primary	Mrs Godsell, and Mrs Whiteway
Soccer	BMG	Mr McLaughlin and Mrs Miles

The students involved in Football will walk to their venue, while the students involved in Tee-ball and Newcombe will be bussed to and from the appropriate venue. The buses will leave school at 9.00am and will return at approximately 2:45pm. The Netball and Soccer will be held here at BMG. Please ensure your child/ren wear full sports uniform. Students need to bring enough food and drink to see them through the day, as there are limited canteen facilities available at many of the venues.

Sports Hub – Term 3, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday Afternoon

During Term 3 we will be offering sport on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. *(Please note we are not offering Wednesday night due to the Co-Curricular program)* Junior School students of all ages are eligible to access the Sports Hub program.

As stated in the 2017 Business Notice the School has introduced a charge for the Sports Hub program for 2017, which will be \$30 per student, per term, for each sport a student is registered to participate in. Registration and payment can be made through the myBMG Parent Portal under the Events & Sales tab. Please note that the charge will not be refundable, either fully or partially, once it has been paid.

The late bus service operates on these nights. There is a \$15.00 charge per trip for the use of this bus which is charged to your term fee account. Students who wish to use the late bus **must** be registered at the Administration Office by the end of lunch on the proposed day of use. The late bus departs school around 4.30pm. The Late Bus route may be obtained via our website <http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/enrolment/transport> or by contacting the school on 5366 4800. If your child is to catch the late bus, please communicate this through your child's diary **each day the Late Bus is required**.

Likewise, if your child is to attend the Learning Hub after the sport finishes, please indicate this clearly in your child's diary. Appropriate forms would need to be completed for attendance in the Sports Hub and/or Learning Hub Programs. Sports Hub and/or Learning Hub Programs Forms may be obtained at the Administration office or via our website <http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/learning-and-teaching/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=197>.

Students will need to go to the School Gymnasium at 3.05p.m. Once organised, the children will be taken to the scheduled activities to enable them to participate in the designated activity. The Sports Hub Program operates from 3.00pm-4.30p.m. **The students must provide their own drink bottle (or use bubble taps) and a healthy nutritious snack. Snacks will no longer be provided by the program. Students do get hungry at this time so please ensure the snack is provided.** Students in Years 3-6 may change into sports uniform for the activities however students in Years Prep –Year 2 may choose just to change into their runners for the activity if preferred. Students are not required to stay the entire time and may be picked up earlier if so desired.

Places will be allocated on a first-in basis. **If filled, a waiting list will apply.**

We plan to offer three sports during Term Three:

- AFL will operate on Monday (\$30 per student per term)
- All Ball Sports on Tuesday (\$30 per student per term)
- Dance on Thursday (\$30 per student per term)

If your son/daughter would like to secure a position in the program, parents/guardians will need to logon to the myBMG-Parent Portal and make required payment in the 'Events & Sales' tab. You will be able to access the portal **from Friday 23 June until 5pm on Wednesday 19 July**. This payment is not refundable. **You must complete your registration details on the portal.**

There are limited positions available and only students who confirm as attending and make payment on the Parent Portal

will be confirmed as attending. Confirmation and payment are due **no later than 5pm on Wednesday 19 July, 2017.** Confirmation of acceptance into chosen activity will be SMS to parents by Thursday 20 July in the afternoon.

The program will commence Week 2 of Term 3 on Monday 24 July. Please note the program will not operate on Thursday 27 July due to Parent Teacher Interviews.

Term Three 2017 Sports offered:

Day	Dates	Activity
Monday	Monday 24 July Monday 31 July Monday 7 Aug Monday 14 Aug Monday 21 Aug Monday 28 Aug Monday 4 Sept Monday 11 Sept Monday 18 Sept	AFL
Tuesday	Tuesday 25 July Tuesday 1 Aug 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

Western Water Incursion

Prep students will attend a Western Water incursion on Wednesday 19 July. Western Water educates students about the importance of water. It provides them with an introduction to the water cycle, through engaging, hands on role playing experiences. Students will enjoy this 45-minute presentation and work shop.

Again a happy holiday to all.

Elizabeth O'Day

Deputy Principal - Head of Junior School

June

- 22 Regional Cross Country Selected Students
- 22 Chess Tournament-Selected Students
- 23 BMPSSA Winter Sport Day
- 23 Last Day Term 2 – **3.05pm dismissal (normal finish time)**

July

- 17 Staff commence for Term 3
- 18 **Students commence for Term 3**
- 19 Western Water Incursion-Prep
- 24-28 Scholastic Book Fair Sales

- 25 Robotics Excursion-Selected students
- 26 Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 27 Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 31 100 days of Prep Celebration
- 31 ICAS English Competition

August

- 1 -3 School Photo Days
- 3 Girls' Football Competition Year5 and 6
- 4 Junior School Assembly
 - Prep A,B,C Performances
 - Year 2-4 Choir Performance
- 10 Bravehearts Incursion P-1
- 11 Vietnam Study Tour Fundraiser-Sausage Sizzle
- 15 Mathematics Competition (*Nominated Students Yr3-Yr10*)
- 16 Junior School Literacy Parade P-4 9.00am
Gymnasium**
- 16 Vietnam Study 2 –Information Session – *6pm in F Block*
- 17 Prep A Farm Excursion
- 18 Mid Term Break-no school staff and students
- 22 Book Week incursion P-4 "The Snow Queen"

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

Sports Hub activities for Term 2

Day	Dates	Activity
Thursday	Thursday 22 June	Anything Goes

POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS

Positive Tools For Getting Your Kids To Listen

Rewards

Rewards are particularly useful for helping children to develop new behaviours. The child who consistently teases their sibling might benefit from a reward system, as might the child who has trouble listening. Rewards are suitable to help train children to wait more patiently, function more independently, behave more kindly, eat more neatly and much more.

Rewards can be anything a child finds pleasing: extra privileges, food treats, gift items, quality-time with a parent, even hugs and kisses. Ask your child what they might like! In order not to create addictions, be sure to rotate your use of rewards (i.e. do not always use one type of reward: sometimes food, sometimes privileges, sometimes quality time etc). You can use rewards in the context of a reward chart or even as part of a positive discipline approach.

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

Veronica Johnston

JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now open to all students from Prep to Year 10 and ends Friday 8 September 2017.

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.

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

Feona West

Head of Junior School Library

MUSIC NEWS



Violin and Piano instrumental music lessons at BMG.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we aim to provide students with rich and varied experiences.



Would your child like to express their musical talent by learning the violin or the piano at the school? Limited places are filling fast for 2018, so if your child would like to take this opportunity, please enquire at the Administration Office or visit the school website where you will find further information and an **Expression of Interest for Instrumental Music/Cancellation Form 2017**.



Robert Wrzaszcz
Music Technical Coordinator

SCOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NEWS

BOOK FAIR IS COMING IN TERM 3!



WHERE: BMG Junior Library

WHEN: Monday 17 – Friday 21 July (*Class Book Looks only*)
Monday 24 – Friday 28 July (*Book Fair will be open for sales*)

The book fair will be open for Parent Teacher Interview nights.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: If you would like to help out at our sales desk before or after school in the second week of the Book Fair please contact either Mrs Diane Dunn (Book Club Coordinator) dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au or Mrs Feona West (Junior School Librarian) westf@bmg.vic.edu.au.
New and returning volunteers most welcome!

LOTE NEWS

French Exchange 2018 - Deposit

Payments for the French Exchange 2018 are now open and are to be made via the myBMG Parent Portal through the events tab. Payments are due by 31 July 2017.

Nicole Heywood



HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED: JAPANESE VISITORS

The school is still in need of host families for our sister school visitors from Kumamoto who will be arriving next term. The students arrive on 26 July and will depart on 4 August.

This is a great opportunity for families and students to get involved with our overseas programs. Host students are not required to study Japanese. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please fill out the host family form attached to the newsletter and return it to school ASAP. Thank you

Michael Love

EDROLO VCE STUDY RESOURCES NEWS

VCE students who are not currently using Edrolo and who now wish to access the resources visit the myBMG Parent Portal to enrol in this program.

For further information please contact Mr Andrew Mackenzie.

CAREERS NEWS

The last Careers Newsletter (Edition # 7) for Term 2 has arrived and is available on the school website. Please read about all the exciting Term 2 holiday programs that are available to senior school students to partake in at a variety of institutions. Such as career and course planning events that may help students learn about possible future pathways and solidify choices. Many of these events contain an experiential component, and also provide a unique opportunity to experience their teaching and learning facilities. Registrations for most events are necessary so please ensure you book early.

Year 10 students and some Year 11 students will be participating in Work Experience placement during this coming break. The school wishes them well as they start to delve further into their career exploration.

Next term Year 12 Parents will be invited to attend a VTAC/Tertiary Information evening. More details to follow in Early Term 3.

Alice Wu-Tollis

Careers & Course Counselling: Practitioner

DEBATING NEWS

On Wednesday 7 June, Year 9 student Alejandra Camacho competed in the final of the Wynspeak Public Speaking Competition at the Wyndham Cultural Centre in Werribee. Alejandra had previously won her heat in May, and was one of 16 finalists in the evening event. She presented her 5-minute prepared speech on 'What's in a name?' along with a 2-minute impromptu speech on 'something you don't pick up.' She spoke confidently, and was highly engaging in both sections. After watching the speakers from the junior and senior divisions, it was announced that out of 78 students and 28 schools, Alejandra was the overall junior winner.

Alejandra has now been asked to represent the school and the Western Suburbs in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition this weekend at St Kevin's College in Toorak. We wish her the best of luck.

Aine Murphy and Georgie Worland

Debating and Public Speaking Coordinators

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

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 on 5366 4800** for further information.

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

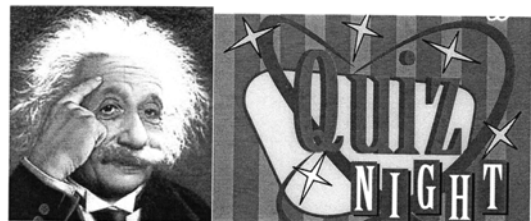
Mon-Fri: 9a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sat: 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Shop1/13 Barnes Place, Werribee.

Phone: **9741 3211** Fax: **9741 3155**

Email: rushfords@noone.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS



JOIN US FOR A FUN PACKED TRIVIA NIGHT
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
THE NEIGHBOUR'S PLACE (Emergency Food Bank).

WHEN: SAT. 8TH JULY, 2017.

WHERE: ANGLICIAN CHURCH HALL
19 GISBORNE ROAD, BACCHUS MARSH.

PRICE: \$12.00 PER HEAD, TABLES OF 8
BYO – Drinks and Nibbles.

TIME 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

TICKETS Ring The Neighbour's Place mon, wed or fri
on 5367 6222 to book a table OR
purchase tickets at the door

GATHER YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO HELP
US RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE.