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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been wonderful to see students enjoying Staughton Vale as we move into Winter. Although the weather has started to become cold the days are brisk and bright. I am particularly excited by the ideas that students are beginning to have about how the site may be used to enhance and develop their learning. The early signs are that the educational advantages we had hoped for with Staughton Vale are going to be realised and more.

Exams are occurring in the Senior School this week and it is also pleasing to see the way they are being approached by most students. It is also wonderful to see so many past students around helping out. When this group of people are added to our interns we really are fortunate to have so many wonderful ex-students participating actively in the life of the school.

Congratulations to all Grade 6 leaders who proved to be such wonderful ambassadors for the school at last weekend's Prep interviews.

I wish the community a safe and restful long weekend.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

News in this Edition

From SS Principal – Mr Kevin Richardson – Senior School Exams, Semester 2. End of Term 2, Commencement of Term 3.

From JS Principal – Mrs Elizabeth O'Day – Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion, ICAS Spelling Competition, Junior School House Music, Sports Hub Term 3.

- Child Protection
- Positive Parenting
- **Music Semester 2, 2017 Cancellations due no later than Friday 9 June.**
- BMG Annual Writing Comp and Premiers Reading Challenge, Book Day.
- Host Families needed for Term 3 Japanese Exchange Students.
- Year 9 Community Service Donations, Year 9 History
- Senior School Sports News
- 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

- 9 Jun Year 1 Excursion – Scienceworks
- 10-12 Jun BMG Kayaking & Duke of Edinburgh Award (*Lake Eppalock*)
- 12 Jun Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – *No School*
- 14 Jun VCE GAT
- 14 Jun Years 3-6 ICAS Spelling Competition
- 15 Jun Junior School House Music
- 16-27 Jun Vietnam Study Tour 1 2017
- 19-23 Jun Year 9F & 9G Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (*Otways*)
- 19 Jun VCE Legal Studies Excursion
- 20 Jun Year 9D & 9E Leadership Program
- 21 Jun Junior School Assembly – *Gymnasium 9.00am*
Year 9A, 9B & 9C Leadership Program
- 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*
- 24 Jun-1 Jul Senior School New Caledonia Trip
- 26-30 Jun Year 10 Work Experience Week.
- 2-10 Jul Senior School Singapore Sports Tour
- 18 Jul Term 3 Commences for students**
- 19 Jul Western Water Incursion-Prep
- 21 Jul Immunisations Years 10, 11 and 12
- 24-26 Jul Year 8D, 8E, 8F and 8G Recreation Camp (*Lake Dewar*)
- 24 Jul Scholastic Book Fair (*Two weeks duration*)
- 25 Jul Robotics Excursion-Selected students
- 24-26 Jul Year 8A, 8B and 8C Recreation Camp (*Lake Dewar*)
- 26 Jul Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 27 Jul Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 26-28 Jul Outdoor Ed Alpine Expedition (*Mt Buller*)
- 28 Jul 100 days of Prep Celebration
- 31 Jul ICAS English Competition
- 31 Jul DAV Debating Round 5
- 1-3 Aug School Photo Days (*Timetable TBC*)
- 2 Aug ICCES Cross Country
- 2 Aug Year 11 2018 Information Night
- 3 Aug JS AFL Girls Footy Team Day

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

SENIOR SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Senior School Examinations, for students in the Senior School, are continuing and will conclude this **Friday 9 June**.

Year 11 students have the ability to either study at home or at school. Classes for Year 11 students will be suspended for the duration of the examinations. **Year 11 students are not to use this time to socialise at local "fast food" establishments.** They must be engaged in one of the following

1. completing an examination
2. studying at school
3. studying at home

Please refer to the following link for studying tips and study resources.

<http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/studying-training/studying-tips-resources/top-10-study-tips>

SEMESTER TWO

Tuesday 13 June, will be the commencement of Semester Two for the senior school. This will mean a number of changes in classes for some students. The Year 7 and 8s will have a change of language and/or technology and art subjects, for Year 9 and 10 students, they will have a changeover of all electives, as per their selections from last year. For the VCE students, most will continue with current subjects, however, Unit 2 and Unit 4 topics will be covered throughout the Second Semester.

All Year 9 and 10 students will have a significant change of subjects and teachers.

To enable students to be involved in the classes that they selected, a number of changes will be required from one semester to the next. Year 10 is almost the last opportunity to "try" classes, before they make their selections for classes in VCE/VCAL. It is as equally important to decide which classes you do not wish to continue with, as it is to find the classes that you wish to pursue through to the end on VCE/VCAL.

END OF TERM TWO

Friday 23 June is the last day of Term Two.

Over the term break, maintenance staff has requested that lockers be cleared of rubbish and food scraps etc. A general clean up and maintenance of lockers will occur. **Students are to clean their locker over the last week of term.** 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.

The school day will finish at 3:15pm for the Senior School.

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM THREE

Commencement day for students is **Tuesday the 18 July.**

Kevin Richardson

Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year One Excursion-Scienceworks

Year One students will be participating in an excursion to Scienceworks, Spotswood. This excursion will include a visit to the Planetarium. This excursion will take place on **Friday 9 June. We will be travelling to Scienceworks by bus and will be departing school at 8:50am sharp. As we are booked into our first program at 10:00am, it is important that our bus departs on time.** Unfortunately, this means we cannot wait for students who are late. Students who miss the bus will stay at school.

Students will need to bring a **small snack and drink in a paper or plastic bag.** They will also need to bring their **lunch and a drink in a separate paper or plastic bag.** All items should be

disposable. Please ensure your child's name is written clearly on each of their bags. Students are required to wear the correct **full school winter uniform** and are advised to bring their anoraks if rain is forecast.

All students will be returning to school by bus and will be dismissed at the normal time of 3:05pm.

ICAS Competition – Spelling

Selected students will be sitting the ICAS Spelling competition on Wednesday 14 June.

House Music-Prep to Year 6

Bacchus Marsh Grammar will be holding this year's Junior School House Music event on **Thursday 15 June.** We are pleased to announce that your child will be performing during the corresponding timeslot listed below. All co-curricular ensembles will also perform throughout the day:

Junior School House Music – Thursday 15 th June		
Venue: Wilson Hall		
Year Levels	Ensembles	Timeslot
Years 3 & 4	Years 5-8 Choir Years 2-4 Choir	9:00am – 10:50am
Years 5 & 6	Junior Orchestra Junior Stage Band	11:15am – 12:45pm
Prep, Years 1 & 2	Years P-1 Choir Suzuki Strings	1:35pm – 2:30pm

We would like to extend a warm invitation to parents, family and friends. Please do join us for what will be a wonderful performance opportunity for our up-and-coming young musicians. Students are to wear their normal uniform that they would wear to school on this day.

Please contact Mr. Steven Bell with any queries.

Vietnam Study Tour – June Group

Twenty-two Year six students and six staff will attend the Vietnam study tour leaving on Friday 16 June. The major focus of the study tour is the time spent at the Loc Tho Charity School and Orphanage. Our students will be delivering to the staff and students at the orphanage, care packs that have been assembled from a variety of donation sources. All fund raising for the Orphanage and Charity School will be donated to contribute to the building program at Loc Tho.

Sports Hub – Term 3

Due to the Co-curricular program, which will continue to operate on a Wednesday after school during Term 3, there will be no sports hub on a Wednesday afternoon. Term 3 sports Hub will operate on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. More information will be distributed shortly.

Elizabeth O'Day

Deputy Principal - Head of Junior School

June

- 9 Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion
- 12 Queen's Birthday-Public Holiday
- 14 Spelling Competition (Nominated Students Yr3-Yr6)
- 16– 27 Vietnam Study Tour One
- 21 Junior School Assembly
 - 2A and 2C Music Performance
 - 2D and 2W Performing Arts Performance
 - 3A and 3B Music Performance
 - 3C and 3D Performing Arts Performance
 - P-Year 1 Choir Performance
- 22 Regional Cross Country Selected Students
- 22 Chess Tournament-Selected Students
- 23 BMPSSA Winter Sport Day
- 23 Last Day Term 2 – **3.05pm dismissal**

July

- 17 Staff commence for Term 3
- 18 **Students commence for Term 3**
- 19 Western Water Incursion-Prep
- 24 Scholastic Book Fair (*Two weeks duration*)
- 25 Robotics Excursion-Selected students
- 26 *Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews*
- 27 *Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews*
- 28 100 days of Prep Celebration
- 31 ICAS English Competition

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM NEWS

Child Protection Program

The School's Child Protection Program has been updated to reflect minor corrections and content updates, the addition of new key resources for schools and the creation of two new policies relating to record management and work experience. Together, these changes comprise the Child Protection Program Version 2.

The Child Protection Program version 2 documents comprising of the Child Protection Program Handbook version 2 and the Child Safe Standards Toolkit version 2 are now available for you to view on the School's website and on the Parent Portal.

If you have any questions in relation to the School's Child Protection Program, please contact one of the **School's Child Protection Officers, Jennifer Jovanovic or Jan Loftus.**

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
Monday	Monday 19 June	AFL
Tuesday	Tuesday 13 June Tuesday 20 June	Touch Footy
Wednesday	Wednesday 14 June Wednesday 21 June	Boot Camp
Thursday	Thursday 8 June Thursday 15 June Thursday 22 June	Anything Goes

POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS

Positive Tools For Getting Your Kids To Listen

Magnifying the Good

Commenting on a child's appropriate behaviour is one way to ensure that it will occur again. On the flip side, commenting on a child's *inappropriate* behaviour will also ensure that it *will* occur again. That's why we want to avoid giving poor behaviour unnecessary attention. Comments can be powerful reinforcers. We can use our comments wisely to maintain and to shape desirable behaviours. There are three types of comments we will want to use:

1. **Acknowledgment:** "I see you picked up your toys." "I notice you cleaned off your desk."

Acknowledgment involves making a simple observation about something the child did that was appropriate. It sometimes may seem unnatural or unnecessary to do this as we often acknowledge the inappropriate things a child does i.e. "I see you slept in again." "I notice your room is still messy." Giving attention to undesirable behaviours can lead to their increase. Simply acknowledging appropriate behaviour is a powerful step toward maintaining it.

2. **Praise:** "You did a great job picking up your toys." "You did a fantastic job cleaning up your desk."

Praise is when we make a positive evaluation of the child's performance. When praising, give a direct statement of

approval, not in comparison to anything else i.e. "You did a good job making your bed." instead of "You did a better job of making your bed than yesterday." To see why we follow this approach, imagine you are receiving the following compliments after you show up to work with a new haircut:

- "Your hair looks great!"
- "Your hair looks so much better that way!"
- "Your hair looks good now."
- "What an improvement."

The last three we would often refer to as 'backhanded compliments' yet we often praise children this way. Children are particularly sensitive to this just as adults are. Just tell them what's right about what they're doing and ignore the improvement/comparative part of the equation.

3. **Appreciation:** "Thank-you for cleaning up your toys." "Thanks for cleaning up your desk."

Appreciation involves thanking a child for some sort of pleasing behaviour. Communicating appreciation provides a good model for the child, showing how a person should convey gratitude where possible.

The time to comment is when a child is already engaging in a desirable behaviour. **Catch the child doing the right thing.**

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

MUSIC NEWS



Instrumental Music enrolments - Semester Two 2017

Any student who **does not** intend to continue Instrumental Music lessons in Semester Two will need to tick the appropriate "**Cancellation**" box on an enrolment form and submit the form to Mrs Fran Raynor by **Friday 9 June 2017**. Instrumental Music Enrolment/Cancellation forms are available for download from the school website and a copy is attached to this newsletter.

Please contact Mrs. Raynor with any Instrumental Music enrolment enquiries:

raynorf@bmg.vic.edu.au

Steven Bell

Assistant Director of Music

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

BMG Annual Writing Competition



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

JUNIOR SCHOOL VIETNAM COLOURING COMPETITION NEWS

Congratulations and thank you to the wider BMG community for supporting the first group of the 2017 Vietnam Study Tours.

The winning sheets will be displayed at the first assembly to be held in Term 3. Prizes will also be awarded at this assembly.

The colouring competition raised \$519.10 with the winners selected by Nicole Heywood, Head of Art - Years Prep to 8. Congratulations to:

Prep

Chelsea Persico Prep c Jasleen Sumra Prep A

Grade 1

Avneet Kaur 1C Alina Zhang 1W

Grade 2

Maira Zahid 2B Emy Emini 2B

Grade 3

Sienna MacLennan 3D Joel Mitchell 3A

Grade 4

Angel Malhotra 4A Jorja Adami-Beer 4E
Veruli Senanayake 4E

Grade 5

Phoebe McMinimee 5A Chinmaya Potluri 5E
Mischa Petilla 5D

Grade 6

Annalise Nolta 6C Abigail Bradford 6A

Bianca Gordon

YEAR 9 COMMUNITY SERVICE DONATIONS NEWS

The Year 9/10 Leadership Program which was introduced in 2015 and has given BMG students a wider variety of subjects and in addition the wider opportunity to grow and develop as an individual also.

An area of focus within the program is to create **Responsible Citizenship** - a sense of Community, both within the school and with the wider community. During the last week of Term Year 9 students will be participating in a range of activities including community service.

Year 9 students are seeking the help of the BMG community with donations towards non-perishable/canned foods (preferably soups) and Hygiene products eg; deodorant, soap, sanitary items, moisturisers, shampoo (both female and male) to create care packages that will be donated to the Neighbours Place in Bacchus Marsh and the Salvation Army.

The 'Food Train' and Boxes for hygiene products have been placed in the Administration Office until Friday 16 June. Your support with this project would be greatly appreciated.

Laura Edwards

LOTE NEWS



HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

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 the 26th July and will depart on 4th 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

SENIOR SCHOOL – BOOK DAY NEWS

BOOK DAY

All senior students will participate in a celebration of reading and literature on Wednesday 21 June. Students are permitted to wear an appropriate costume based on a literary character. Students must attend school in their PE uniform and change into their costume at school.

A gold coin donation is welcomed and will be used to purchase books for underprivileged students. Students that choose not to attend in costume, must wear their full school uniform. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for Book Chats with their teachers, as well as enjoy reading sessions throughout the day. Enquiries about Book Day may be made to your child's English teacher.

"We lose ourselves in books, we find ourselves there too."

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

"From the Gym"



ICCES Winter Tour

The ICCES Winter Tour will once again take place in Shepparton on the final two days of term, 22 and 23 June. Athletes are busily training for teams in;

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Hockey
- And Netball

The Winter Tour involves two days of competition and teams will stay over night in Shepparton. Notices for successful athletes will be distributed on team selection.

BMG Team for the ICCES X-Country

Congratulations to all athletes that have made the BMG Mustangs ICCES X-Country Team for 2017. The ICCES X-Country will be held on Wednesday 2 August at Bundoora Park, Melbourne. Events are scheduled to start at 11.40am and will conclude at 2.00pm. Students will travel from BMG departing at 10.00pm and return to school at approximately 4.00pm. All students will be given an attendance notice, training program and information about the event. Training will commence in week 7 at school on Tuesday nights and Thursday lunchtimes.

Australian Karate Team Selection

A huge congratulations to Ben De Bortoli BMG Elite Sport/ FedUni WestVic Academy Scholarship Athlete who has been chosen to represent Australia in the Australian Team to compete at the 10th Junior World Championships in Spain in October.

As a lead up to this Ben will represent Australia at the Youth World Cup in Croatia and attend a training camp in Europe prior to competing in the Austrian Open. Congratulations Ben on this magnificent achievement.

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

CAREERS NEWS

Edition 6 of the BMG Careers Newsletter is now available on the school website.

Alice Wu-Tollis
Careers & Course Counselling: Practitioner

SENIOR SCHOOL ART NEWS

“Mural Mania’

Here is a sneak peak of the mural that is being created at present by some of our budding artists in Years 4, 7, 9, 10, 11 Art and Art club.

Students have been working hard over several weeks to complete the mural ready for Term 3. The Year 11 and Year 7 art students assisted in several Year 4 art classes working with the Year 4 students to paint the eight panel mural and create a landscape that shows the variety of colours across the four seasons.

Thank you to all of the students involved for you hard work so far!

Jane Todd
Learning Area Coordinator: The Arts - Years 9 to 12



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.

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