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- **Bus, Camps and Excursion Fund** – **you may be eligible for funding if you hold a valid Healthcare Card.**

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.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

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. (Normal dismissal time)

Key Upcoming DATES

15 Jun	Junior School House Music
16-27 Jun	Vietnam Study Tour 1 2017
19-23 Jun	Year 9F & 9G Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (<i>Otways</i>)
20 Jun	Year 9D & 9E Leadership Program
21 Jun	Junior School Assembly – <i>Gymnasium 9.00am</i> 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.
29 Jun	Studio Arts National Gallery Excursion
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 (<i>Lake Dewar</i>)
24 Jul	Scholastic Book Fair (<i>Two weeks duration</i>)
24 Jul	VCE Legal Studies Excursion – Magistrates Court
25 Jul	Robotics Excursion-Selected students
24-26 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
26-28 Jul	Outdoor Ed Alpine Expedition (<i>Mt Buller</i>)
28 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	Year 11 2018 Information Night
3 Aug	JS AFL Girls Footy Team Day

COMMENCEMENT OF TERM THREE

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

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Currently, Senior School student's descriptive reports are being collated and will be posted to parents during the first week of the Term Break. Please ensure read through reports, especially the descriptive comments and implement any suggested strategies for improvement in the 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.

Kevin Richardson

Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

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

House Music-Prep to Year 6

Bacchus Marsh Grammar will be holding this year's Junior School House Music event on **Thursday 15th 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 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.

Junior School Assembly

The next Junior School Assembly will be conducted on Wednesday 21 June beginning at 9.00am in the Gymnasium. The following items will feature at this 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

The following Year 6 students will be awarded their Junior School Colours:

Khayle Forsyth	Charlie Frederickson
Abby Grahek	Rosie Green
Joshua Huxtable	Ethan Marchington
Ashleigh McGuire	Evie Nathan
Stacie Oakley	Oliver O'Mahoney
Riley Pittard	Taylah Sladek
Lachlan Sliwa	

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

- 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 (normal finish time)**

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

**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 20 June	Touch Footy
Wednesday	Wednesday 21 June	Boot Camp
Thursday	Thursday 15 June Thursday 22 June	Anything Goes

POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS

Positive Tools For Getting Your Kids To Listen

Positive Labels

Children are highly susceptible to the words of their parents. You probably remember words of your own parents said to you in the course of your own childhood. Labels (adjectives that describe personality) often have the most potent effect on a child's development. For example, a parent calls his/her child 'lazy', the child absorbs this label into his/her permanent self-concept. The label starts to influence the child's behaviour and he/she starts to act like a 'lazy' person. The more the label is used the more 'lazier' he/she becomes. "But he/she is lazy" I hear you say. While this may be true, the negative label won't help the child. It will in fact increase the problem behaviour because it is being reinforced. The child's self-concept needs to be organised around successful behaviours. How could you approach the 'lazy' behaviour in a more positive way? Maybe try a response like, "Hey you've got tons of energy - use your energy to get out of bed right now and get going!" Every time the child displays a lazy behaviour, remind him/her that they have lots of energy. The child will eventually see him/herself as someone who has lots of energy as the word works on his/her conscious and subconscious mind. Try to change the negative to positive:

- Instead of, "You are being rude/disrespectful", try, "You need to speak more respectfully to me before I can listen".
- Messy becomes 'neat and 'clean'.
- Dirty becomes 'clean' and 'shiny'.
- Loud becomes 'quiet'.
- Selfish becomes 'generous'.
- Careless becomes 'careful'.
- Late becomes 'on time' or 'prompt'.

Try this: Imagine your child as a grown up. Write down 20 words that you would like to use to describe their personality (i.e. kind, generous, creative, organised, talented, smart etc). Whatever words you choose, try and use at least one of them daily when speaking to your child/children.

Good times to incorporate this is when praising your child or when correcting his/her behaviour.

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

Veronica Johnston

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



DEVELOPING READING SKILLS NEWS



How to Encourage Reading at Home:

Explore Books – visit the local library and/or bookstores. Give your child as many opportunities as possible to find books and topics that interest them.

Be an Example – Let your child see you read whether it is a newspaper, magazine, recipe or book. Think aloud regarding interesting facts, information, characters and your thoughts and evaluation of what you read.

Make it Fun – Read with your child and discuss certain books, comics, articles. Research a range of interesting topics and complete book activities together.

Pick "Good Fit" Books – A book that is a "Good Fit" book meets the following requirements: Is there an interest / purpose for the reading? Can your child understand and retell the story? Does your child know most of the words?

Alison Cummins

Director of Reading Enhancement

BOOK FAIR IS COMING IN TERM 3!



WHERE: BMG Junior Library

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

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

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
Venuli Senanayake 4E

Grade 5

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

Grade 6

Annalise Nolta 6C Abigail Bradford 6A

Apologies to the students who had their names spelt incorrectly in last week's newsletter.

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 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

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."

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 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;

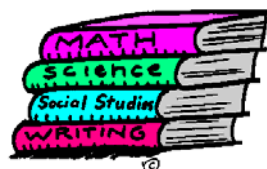
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Hockey
- And Netball

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.

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.

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.

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

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