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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Wednesday evening I attended the BMG in Concert. It was a pleasure to see so many students passionate about their music and so willing to both play and talk about it. I would like to congratulate all staff and students who were involved in the event.

Much of this term has required me to be involved in final discussions relating to the development of Woodlea. It is pleasing that the intensity of these discussions are now waning and we will soon be into the development process. Woodlea has the ability to change the capacity of the school for further development. At the forefront of Council's and my work in this area has been securing arrangements for the long-term benefit of the school with little or no short-term impact. I believe we have achieved that and I would like to thank School Council for doing the hard long-term strategic thinking that lies behind the Woodlea thinking.

I wish all members of the community a safe and relaxing break.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

2017 School Photos

School Photos have arrived and have been distributed to families via student classes and Tutor Groups. If your child has been absent from school this week or on a school camp photos will be kept at school until next term. Should you wish for a sibling to collect photos please put a note in your child's diary and they may collect them from the Administration Centre. Alternatively, the Administration Office will be open during the School Holidays during the times listed below. *Please note photos will not be posted home due to possible damage to images.*

School Holiday Office Hours

Monday 25 September to Thursday 28 September

9:30am to 3:30pm.

Friday 29 September – Closed

Grand Final Public Holiday

Monday 2 October to Friday 6 October

9:30am to 3:30pm.

News in this Edition

From Acting Head of the Senior School – Mrs Jennifer Jovanovic; End of Term Arrangements, Start of Term 4, VCE & VCAL Descriptive Reports, Year 7-10 Intrim Reports, 4 Practice Examinations & Term Break Classes, Summer Uniform, School Colours and BMG in Concert.

From Head of the Junior School – Mrs Elizabeth O'Day; Sports Hub – Term 4 2017 and Hoop Time.

Junior School News – Hubs Program, Positive Parenting, Developing Reading Skills, Premier's Reading Challenge

Senior School News – Theatresports, Music News, Staughton Vale News and Careers News.

General News - Health Centre – Direct contact number **5366 4873, Bus News, Uniform Shop Holiday Hours**

Key Upcoming DATES

22 Sep	End of Term 3 Earlier finish time: Junior School – 2.05pm Senior School – 2.15pm Public and Private buses will coincide with the early finish times.
10 Oct	Students resume Term 4
11 Oct	Year 3 / 4 Mixed Hoop Time (TBC)
12 Oct	Year 11 Literature Excursion
13 Oct	VCE Art Showcase
17 Oct	WMR Athletics
20 Oct	ICCES Summer Tour
23 Oct	Debating – Good News Christian College
24 Oct	Valedictory Dinner – Etihad Stadium 6.30pm
25 Oct	Year 7A, 7B & 7C Zoo Excursion
25 Oct	Year 9/10 Australian History
25 Oct	Vietnam Study Tour 2018 Information Night
27 Oct	Coach Approach Years 3-6

Year 12 Valedictory Reminder

Families are required to purchase their initial allocation of tickets by 3pm Friday 29 September. Families who have requested additional will be contacted in the second week of the term break should they become available.

EARLY SCHOOL DROP OFF

Parents please be aware that yard duty does not commence until 8:15am each morning. If you drop your children off to school before this time please be aware that the school yard is not officially supervised by staff until 8:15am.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Friday September 22 is the last day of classes for students in Years Prep to 12 for Term 3. All students will be expected to attend normal classes on this day. The school day will finish at 2:15pm for Senior School and 2:05pm for Junior School. School bus arrangements have been adjusted to suit the earlier finish time.

START OF TERM 4

Term 4 commences for students on **Tuesday 10 October** for all students. Week 3 of the Senior School timetable will operate for the commencement of Term 4.

VCE & VCAL DESCRIPTIVE REPORTS & INTERIM REPORTS 7 – 10

Term 3 Descriptive Reports will be posted home to parents during the first week of the Term 3/4 break. Parents need to carefully read the comments with regard to what teachers are expecting students to do in preparation for their upcoming Unit 3&4 examinations in November. For students in Years 7 to 10, an interim report will also be posted home. Please follow up with your child any overdue work as described in the interim report.

VCE UNIT 3 and 4 PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS AND TERM BREAK CLASSES

Parents of students in Year 12 will be receiving a letter from Mr Cooper outlining the end of year arrangements shortly. A timetable of both practice examinations and the Term Break classes will be distributed to students. All students are expected to attend the practice examinations, which commence with English on Friday 22 September. Students should take them seriously whilst not becoming overly anxious about them. Practice examinations are a valuable diagnostic tool to see what students already know well, and what needs to be a focus during the revision period. Practising working under the pressure of time and under the same conditions they will experience for their final examinations is invaluable. Term Break classes give students the opportunity to work with their teachers to gain the most from the revision period leading up to their examinations. A reminder that there will be no buses running on Monday 9 October. Students attending can leave after their examination on this day. From Tuesday 10 October, when not sitting an examination, students will be in their normal scheduled classes.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Students may choose to wear their summer uniform continuously from the beginning of Term 4. Please check summer shirts and dresses for appropriate sizes remembering that dress lengths should be to the knee and the short sleeved shirts should be able to be tucked into school trousers and/or shorts. Shorts are to be worn with black school socks and be no longer than knee length. Growth spurts throughout the winter months often occur. Please do not "leave it" until the last moment to check your child's uniform.

SENIOR SCHOOL COLOURS

It is really pleasing the number of students who have achieved their Senior School Colours or Double School Colours this term.

Congratulations to the following students awarded School Colours for services to the school this week:

Matthew Congdon 11B

Toby Lovell 11G

Matthew Long 12B

Nathan Meyer 12F

BMG IN CONCERT

Congratulations to all of the students and staff involved in this year's BMG in Concert. Once again, it was a night highlighting the many talented students involved in music in the Senior School.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable term break.

Jennifer Jovanovic

Assistant Principal - Acting Head of Senior School

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

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 22 September - 2.05pm Dismissal

Term 4 Students Commence- Tuesday 10 October

Sports Hub – Term 4 2017

During Term Four we will be offering sport on, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Junior School students of all ages are eligible to access the Sports Hub program.

Please note: Students in Prep A to Year 2 are no longer able to access the late bus on these nights. This means that all Prep to Year 2 students who wish to participate in this program, must be either collected from school at 4.30pm or they are able to access the Learning Hub until 5.30pm for an additional fee of \$10 per night. Parents will need to complete an enrolment form for the Learning Hub if they require this service. Students who attend Learning Hub are required to be collected from Room L7 by 5.30pm.

As stated in the 2017 Business Notice there is 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. The charge will be incurred at the time of registration and will be billed to the parents/guardians separately. 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 for students in **Year 3-6** only. 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 on the **Late Bus List** at the Administration office by the end of lunch on the proposed day of use. The late bus departs school around 4.30pm. Bus routes 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.

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 at the Sports Hub and/or Learning Hub Programs. These can be obtained at the Administration office or via our website <http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/learning-and-teaching/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=197>. There is a fee of \$10 per night for children who attend Learning Hub between 4.30pm and 5.30pm

We plan to offer four sports during Term Four:

- Cricket will operate on Monday
(\$30 per student per term)
- Tennis on Tuesday
(\$30 per student per term)
- Basketball/Netball on Wednesday
(\$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 Monday 11 September until 5pm on Tuesday 10 October**. 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 Tuesday 10 October, 2017.** Confirmation of acceptance into chosen activity will be SMS to parents by Thursday 12th October in the afternoon.

The program will commence Week 2 of Term 4 on Monday 16 October.

Parents of children who gain a place in the program can consider the position confirmed once payment has been cleared by the school.

If the chosen sport has reached its quota parents/guardians are able to register on a waiting list via a note in their child's diary. Parents will be notified if a vacancy occurs.

Hoop Time

The Junior Boys All Star team have progressed to the Regional Finals, which will be held at Eagle Stadium, 35 Ballan Rd, Werribee 3030, on **Friday 20 October**.

Hoop Time is a series of one-day basketball round robin competitions held at local basketball stadiums around Victoria. The Hoop Time competition is run by Basketball Victoria.

The competition is scheduled to commence at 9:30am sharp with schools to be registered by 9:15am. Therefore the bus will be departing BMG at 8:40am sharp.

We will return to Bacchus Marsh Grammar no later than 2:45pm.

Staff attending the excursion are Mr Trevor Hilton and Mrs Narelle Bens.

Elizabeth O'Day

Deputy Principal - Head of Junior School

HUBS PROGRAM

Term Three 2017 Sports offered:

Day	Dates	Activity
Thursday	Thursday 21 Sept	Dance

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Day	Dates	Activity
Monday	Monday 16 Oct Monday 23 Oct Monday 30 Oct Monday 13 Nov Monday 20 Nov Monday 27 Nov Monday 4 Dec	Cricket
Tuesday	Tuesday 17 Oct Tuesday 24 Oct Tuesday 31 Oct Tuesday 14 Nov Tuesday 21 Nov Tuesday 28 Nov Tuesday 5 Dec	Tennis
Wednesday	Wednesday 18 Oct Wednesday 25 Oct Wednesday 1 Nov Wednesday 8 Nov Wednesday 15 Nov Wednesday 22 Nov Wednesday 29 Nov Wednesday 6 Dec	Basketball / Netball
Thursday	Thursday 19 Oct Thursday 26 Oct Thursday 2 Nov Thursday 9 Nov Thursday 16 Nov Thursday 23 Nov Thursday 30 Nov Thursday 7 Dec	Dance

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

POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS

Raising confident kids

When you look at little kids, it's amazing just how much innate confidence most of them seem to have. They're programmed with natural resilience, perseverance, and an inbuilt capacity to thrive. But as they get older and especially when they enter the education system, they learn to doubt themselves. They learn to give up. They learn that they're not 'good enough'. Unfortunately, some kids also learn that they can't measure up when it comes to parental expectations.

Confidence is built through experiencing failure and success. A child's confidence is also built through age-appropriate independence, responsibilities, choices, healthy risk taking, and encouragement to make their own decisions. Parental role modelling means we are best placed to give our kids the opportunities and experiences to teach and build their confidence. This doesn't mean that we micro-manage their risk taking, or their problem solving, or that we take responsibility for their decisions or curb their independence in any way. Confidence is gained if we take a supervisory back seat and let our kids connect with their world.

Ways we can help build confidence in our kids

- Daily doses of love, security and encouragement. This also helps build self-esteem.
- Appropriate praise for a job well done.
- Resist rescuing. Kids need to know it's OK to fail, feel disappointment, frustration and anger.
- Role model perseverance, commitment, working through tough situations and the self-talk needed when chores or schoolwork is boring.
- Resist stepping in too early to help solve the problem. Stay tuned, listen and encourage, but also give your child time to work it out for themselves.
- Talk about optimism and resilience. Talk about how disappointment can often translate to defeat unless we think about the situation differently.
- Monitor perfectionism and the fear of failure. Talk about times in your life when you didn't get it right first go.
- Encourage kids to make their own decisions and choices to gain confidence in their judgment.
- Nurture interests and hobbies. Give kids opportunities for success and socialisation.

On a daily basis, we can dole out big doses of confidence building by believing in our kids – their abilities, quirks, qualities and strengths. Confident kids are kids who are comfortable in their own skin...and more likely to take on the world.

Source: <https://youcandoitparents.com.au/blog/teaching-kids-to-have-confidence-in-themselves/>

Veronica Johnston

DEVELOPING READING SKILLS NEWS

School Holiday Reading

Holidays are a valuable time to unwind from a busy term for both students and parents. Routines become relaxed and the expectations of nightly homework are briefly forgotten. Holidays create the perfect opportunity for students to enjoy reading, they are not feeling fatigued from a busy day at school as well as the extra pressures of school. They can also take part in many varied forms of reading that can engage, challenge and interest them:

1. **Travelling** – reading and interpreting maps to locate places of interest, timetables to plan trips, journeys and events.
2. **Cooking** – reading recipes and instructions to plan meals and snacks for families and friends.
3. **Shopping** – reading catalogues and planning shopping trips.

- Family Reading** – spending time as a family reading the same text by taking turns to read to each other and discussing the different characters and events within the text.
- Local Library** – visiting your local library to choose books of interest. You can also borrow audiobooks, magazines, DVD's and other things of interest. During the holidays, most libraries hold School Holiday Programs to engage students of varied ages through a range of interesting activities.

From Monday the 25 September through to Friday the 6 October, Lerderderg Library and Ballan Library are conducting a range of fun activities for students.

Holidays provide a fantastic opportunity for your children to be creative, engage with others and discover the wide range of resources and entertainment that can be found at their local library.

Alison Cummins
Director of Reading Enhancement

Don't forget!
Lerderderg & Ballan Libraries have sports equipment to loan for 4 weeks.
It's the perfect weather to get out and kick a footy, play tennis or bowl someone out in cricket.

* Bookings open Mon 11 Sept
* Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult
* Only book tickets for children attending the event - accompanying adults do not require a ticket.
* Age restrictions apply
* Book early to avoid disappointment

Spring School Holiday Program
Mon 25 Sept - Fri 6 Oct

BANANA!

Free Activities @ Your Library

Lerderderg Library
215 Main street
Bacchus Marsh

Ballan Library
143 Inglis street
Ballan

For bookings please visit our website
www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/libraries
For more information please call 5366 7100

Spring School Holiday Program @ Your Local Library
Mon 25 Sept - Fri 6 Oct

<p>Chill Out Zone All ages Come along and play board games, colour-in flowers to decorate the library, build with Lego Duplo and create with kinetic sand.</p> <p>Lerderderg Library Mon 25 Sept 10am - 12pm</p> <p>Outreach Van - Dunstons Tues 26 Sept 10am - 11am</p> <p>Outreach Van - Bungaree Tues 26 Sept 11.30am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Outreach Van - Gordon Tues 26 Sept 2pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>Outreach Van - Blackwood Wed 27 Sept 1.30pm - 2.30pm</p>	<p>Sand Art All ages Using colourful sand and peeling away sections from a picture, you can create your own piece of art.</p> <p>Ballan Library Wed 27 Sept 10am - 11am</p> <p>Lerderderg Library Thurs 28 Sept 10am - 11am</p>	<p>Galaxy Jars Ages 8 and up Create your own Galaxy in a jar using cotton wool, paint and glitter.</p> <p>Lerderderg Library Tues 3 Oct 3pm - 5pm</p> <p>Get Crafty! All ages Spend a morning or afternoon at one of the outreach stops creating a craft project to take home.</p> <p>Outreach Van - Dunstons Tues 3 Oct 10am - 11am</p> <p>Outreach Van - Bungaree Tues 3 Oct 11.30am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Outreach Van - Gordon Tues 3 Oct 2pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>Outreach Van - Blackwood Wed 4 Oct 1.30pm - 2.30pm</p>	<p>Butterfly Sun-Catcher Ages 4 and up Bring some colour into your home with a beautiful sun-catcher.</p> <p>Ballan Library Wed 4 Oct 10am - 11am</p> <p>Lerderderg Library Thurs 5 Oct 10am - 11am</p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz Ages 3 and up A fun session where you use your creativity to learn and build with Lego bricks. Program run by Bricks 4 Kidz.</p> <p>Lerderderg Library Fri 6 Oct 10am - 11.30am</p> <p>Ballan Library Fri 6 Oct 2pm - 3.30pm</p>
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Chalk Creations
All Ages
Let's decorate the outdoors with fun, bright colours for spring!

Lerderderg Library
Tues 26 Sept
10am - 12pm

Minions Bookmark & Movie Screening
All ages
Make your own Minions Digiart corner bookmark and then join us for the viewing of 'Despicable Me 3'. Feel free to bring along your own snacks.

Lerderderg Library
Mon 2 Oct
Bookmark
10am - 11am
Movie
11am - 12.30pm

B = Bookings Required
Visit our website for bookings info: www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/libraries

JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS



The Premier's Reading Challenge has now finished. Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Challenge:

Thomas 5D
Ethan 3C

Please send me a signed print out of your child's completed list if you have not already done so.

Feona West
Head of Junior School Library

MUSIC NEWS



Royal South Street Eisteddfod success!

Year 12 VCE/VET Music students and their accompanists completed against schools from across the state at last week's 'Mi Sound' division of the Royal South Street eisteddfod. Bacchus Marsh Grammar students achieved outstanding results and should be commended, both on their performances and the manner with which they conducted themselves on the day:

Artist award: Jack Lantieri

Performance presentation award:

Shayla Kiriazis	Miles Seager
Aaron Evans	Owen Pugh
Stephanie Trento	Chloe Dragwidge
Milla Place	

Commercial appeal award:

Jonathan Dwyer	Naomi Best
Lauren Walmsley	Nazeeha Moosajee

A huge "thank you" to Mr Coco, Mr. Thomas and Mr Clare for assisting us on the day.

Year 9 Leadership Program

As an addition to the Year 9 Leadership Program, Year 12 VCE/VET Music students Brittany Robinson and Shayla Kiriazis travelled to Grant Lodge Nursing Home on Tuesday 19 September. Accompanied by Mr Bell and Mr Coco, the students presented almost an hour's worth of entertainment to a captivated and appreciative audience.

Congratulations and thank you to Brittany and Shayla for their community service. We wish all Year 12 VCE/VET Music

students well for their upcoming end-of-year performance examinations.

Steven Bell

bells@bmg.vic.edu.au

BMG In Concert

BMG in Concert took place last Wednesday at the Wyndham Cultural Centre. This event takes place each year as a means of showcasing and celebrating the musical talents of our Senior School students.

Presentations were made by the Senior Orchestra, Stage Band, Year 5-8 Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Year 8 Band, Senior Rock Ensemble, and various VCE ensembles and soloists.

The concert finale comprised of two pieces that were performed by the majority of students involved throughout the evening, and it was a great display of teamwork, hard work and dedication.

I would like to thank all students involved in the concert for their hard work and preparation throughout the year to be able to ultimately present such a polished and professional concert.

Thank you to all of the Music staff involved in the preparation of various ensembles and solo presentations, accompaniment duties, and for overseeing and carrying out all things behind the scenes and backstage to ensure the night ran as smoothly as it did.

TERM 4 Co-curricular Ensemble Rehearsals

All afterschool co-curricular Music ensembles resume rehearsals in Term 4 at the commencement of **WEEK 2**. There will be no afterschool rehearsals in Week 1.

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. These 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 **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 Director of Music, Dean Thomas, if they have any queries about enrolment, lesson format, instrument purchase/hire or any other general music enquiries.

Dean Thomas

Director of Music

CAREERS

NEWS

Year 12 Students

Please remember to pay for your VTAC and other Tertiary Applications before the due date of 28 September 2017. SEAS applications are also due by 10 October 2017.

Edition 10 of the BMG Careers Newsletter is available now and has been emailed to all students in Years 9-12.

Alice Wu-Tollis

Careers and Course Counselling Practitioner

SENIOR SCHOOL THEATRESPORTS

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BMG THEATRESPORTS NIGHT!



Last Thursday night an excited group of students donned their costumes and prepared for a night of dramatic competition. There were six teams of competitors featuring students from Year 7 up to 11. All students did themselves proud and produced thoroughly entertaining and creative improv that kept their audience laughing for the whole show.

The three rigorous rounds of improvisational battle were truly a sight to behold. In the end, experience prevailed and the

victors were the aptly named, "Late Night Improv": Chanel Campbell, Taran Pannu, Ismar Ridzalovic and Luke Whittaker. Congratulations to them and also to our runners-up, "Straight as a Circle". It was just what the doctor ordered after a busy term and a great way to end RUOK Day.

Thank you to our 2015 graduates who helped with judging and also to Mr Shane McNee and Mr Robert Wrzaszcz for their assistance on the night.

Helena Stratakos

Subject Coordinator: Head of Drama



STAUGHTON VALE NEWS

The last two weeks saw students battle icy wind, cool temperatures, and had rain showers most days. Despite this, students displayed their resilience by putting a jumper and a jacket on and enjoyed a range of activities.

The Grade 6 students completed a cooking session, making a range of delicious products including, guacamole, lemon cordial, and Lemon truffles. They also conducted a science experiment in which they investigated physical and chemical change when adding an acid to different types of rocks. Lastly, they worked on the fruit orchards, removing clippings from the trees.

The Year 8 students participated in similar activities, however, instead of a science experiment, they honed in their field sketching skills in a geography session. During this activity, they sketched the volcanic landscape that includes Mt. Anakie across the road from our campus.

Abby and Ella from Year 8 said: *Today at Staughton Vale it rained. Even though there were puddles everywhere we still had fun. We enjoyed cooking. We made guacamole to go with corn chips, and had lemon truffles for a sweet treat. We also made golden syrup dumplings which were delicious. For a drink we made butter lemon tea. After that we had H&G. we walked up the hill and drew a field sketch of the landscape.*





HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

MEASLES ALERT

There has been an Alert from the Chief Health Officer:
Please read the following information for your reference.

Additional information is attached to the end of the newsletter regarding Measles. **Please contact the school if your child develops Measles.**

Key messages

- There are two (2) confirmed case of measles who were infectious whilst at a number of places across Melbourne between September 6 and September 13.
- One case acquired their illness in Victoria from an unknown source; one case may have acquired illness in Victoria or overseas.
- The cases may have acquired their infection in the following locations: Metro Trains (Armadale to Southern Cross), Collins Street CBD, St Kilda Road Armadale, St Kilda Library. People who attended these locations between August 20 and September 1 may already be unwell with measles.
- The cases attended numerous locations around Melbourne and in Ballarat, where they may have exposed others: Metro Trains and stations (Armadale to Southern Cross), Collins Street, Chadstone Shopping Centre, Ikea Richmond, Ballarat. People who attended these locations between September 6 and September 13 may be at risk of developing measles. See below for exact dates.
- Be alert for measles in patients presenting with a fever at rash onset, particularly if they attended any of the places listed below. Symptoms may have started anytime from September 5. New cases may show symptoms up until October 4 2017.
- Isolate suspected cases to minimise the risk of transmission within your department/practice.
- Notify the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Section at the Department of Health and Human Services on 1300 651 160 of suspected cases immediately.

- Take blood for measles serology in all suspected cases.
- Discuss whether to take nose and throat swabs for PCR with the Department if your suspicion for measles is high. Approval is required prior to PCR testing at the reference laboratory. PCR testing for measles does not attract a Medicare rebate.

STUDENT UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT

We wish to advise you that a student in our school community is currently receiving medical treatment. This student will be attending school on occasion while recovering from/undergoing treatment.

As a consequence of treatment, this student's ongoing health is at risk if he/she comes into contact with infectious illnesses in particular: chicken pox, measles or mumps. If your son or daughter is suspected of having one of these illnesses it is very important that he/she does not attend school. It is also important that while your child is unwell he/she remains at home until he/she is no longer contagious. Information on infectious conditions can be found on national health websites, eg. www.health.ov.au or alternatively contact your local GP.

If your child has chicken pox, measles or mumps or is suspected of having an illness, please contact the school immediately. This will allow the school to assess the probable contact and therefore exposure of our student to the disease. Notification can then be given to the parents and medical specialists.

As a school community we value your support in relation to the well-being of all students. Please do not hesitate to contact the Health Centre Staff if you have any questions.

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**.

BUS NEWS

Late Bus:
Parents are now able to track the location of the school's Late Bus service that operates Monday through to Thursday and departs BMG at 4.30pm. For login details, please refer to the parent portal.

Late Bus arrangements for Term 4 onwards
Please be advised that as of Term 4 2017, students in Year **Prep Reception to Year 2** will no longer have access to the School's Late Bus service. The Wednesday Co-curricular program for 2017 will finish at the end of Term 3. Consideration will be given to the no-access to late bus for Prep – Year 2 students when staff are planning the Co-curricular programs for 2018.

If students in Prep Reception to Year 2 wish to participate in Sports Hub in Term 4, then they can only access this program if parents collect their child at 4.30pm or alternatively, parents have the option of enrolling your child in the Learning Hub from 4.30pm-5.30pm at a cost of \$10 per night. Parents would be required to collect your child from the Learning Hub by 5.30pm. The learning Hub operates from Room L 6 and L 7.

A letter outlining the changes has been provided to parents of Junior School students and a copy is available on the parent portal.

Private Bus Travellers – Student Bus Travel Code of Conduct
Please be advised that there has been a change to the Student Bus Travel Code of Conduct with the addition of point 3: All students must not to take photos of other students, drivers or aspects of the bus during operation. This change is effective immediately so it is important that students are made aware of this.

The Student Bus Travel Code of Conduct is available on the school website.

Country Bus Travellers for 2018: Application for Permission to Travel Forms have been posted to parents who live in the School Bus Program (country service buses) catchment area. These areas include students who catch the following services: Exford / Eynesbury Public Bus, Hopetoun Park, Camerons Road, Melton via Exford (Strathtulloh), Glenmore, Balliang East, Ballan, Blakeville, Bullengarook Public Bus, Blackwood and Toolern Vale services. Forms are also available on the School's website under the Transport page.

The State Government Secondary Schools coordinate these bus services and it is essential that we provide them with up to date information on students travelling on the bus network for safety purposes and to determine bus loadings. Please note that failure to submit this form to the office by the due date of **Friday 22 September 2017** may result in your child not being able to catch a Government operated public school bus in 2018.

Please contact the School's Bus Coordinator if you have any questions.

Kerryn Browne
Bus Coordinator

School holiday Uniform Shop Hours

Monday 2 October 10am to 2pm
Wednesday 4 October 10am to 2pm
Friday 6 October 10am to 2pm.

Regular trade hours resume
Monday 9 October 12.30pm to 4.30pm.



"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 5.00 p.m. Sat: 9a.m. to 1p.m.
Shop1/13 Barnes Place, Werribee.
Phone: 9741 3211 Fax: 9741 3155
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au

EAST MADDINGLEY ROAD CAR PARK EXIT

Following a number of complaints from the public, it has been brought to the school's attention that a small number of parents are not taking care when exiting from the East Maddingley Road car park. Please ensure that you look **BOTH** ways when exiting the car park.



Thank you to the school community for supporting the 2017 Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. The program has been very beneficial to the school over the last few years and we are excited to see what resources we can secure this year. The program has now finished and sticker sheets have been tallied.