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Key Upcoming DATES

12 Oct	Year 11 Literature Excursion
12 Oct	Unit 2 Geography Excursion
12 Oct	VET Hospitality RSA – William Angliss
12 Oct	Year 9/10 Geology Excursion
13 Oct	BMPSSA Red Ball Tennis – Caroline Springs
16 Oct	VCE Art Showcase Official Opening – Wilson Hall 4-6pm
17-19 Oct	VCE Art Showcase for viewing
17 Oct	Junior School WMR Athletics
18 Oct	BMPSSA Girls Basketball
20 Oct	ICCES Summer Tour – Ballarat
20 Oct	JS Hoop Time Comp – Eagle Stadium Werribee
23 Oct	JS Debating – Good News Christian College
24 Oct	Year 2 Western Water Incursion
24 Oct	Valedictory Dinner – Etihad Stadium 6.30pm
25 Oct	Year 7A, 7B & 7C Zoo Excursion
25 Oct	Year 9/10 Australian History
25-31 Oct	Year 12 Swot Vac
25 Oct	Vietnam Study Tour 2018 Information Night
27 Oct	Coach Approach Years 3-6
31 Oct	Year 7 Geography Excursion
1-3 Nov	Year 5 Camp – Lake Dewar
1 Nov	Prep Reception & Prep Transition Day
6 Nov	Mid-Term Break – No School staff or students
7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
9 Nov	Prep & Prep Reception 2018 Information Night 7pm
14 Nov	Year 7 2018 Information Night
16 Nov	Unit 1&2 Exams Commence
16 Nov	Prep Rec & Prep Transition Day 8.30am-12.30pm
16 Nov	New Students Year 1-6 2018 Information Night
17 Nov	Year 9/10 Exams Commence
19-25 Nov	2017 BMG Kayak – Murray Paddle
21 Nov	Year 7 2018 Orientation Day
21 Nov	Prep Rec & Prep 2018 Orientation Day 8.30am-2.45pm
21 Nov	Senior School Study Day (no school – senior Students only)
22 Nov	Year 8 Exams Commence
22-24 Nov	Year 6 Camp – Anglesea
24 Nov-4 Dec	Singapore Netball Tour
27-29 Nov	Year 4 Camp – Camp Manyung
29 Nov-1 Dec	Year 3 Camp – Wyuna Queenscliff
29-30 Nov	Year 8E, 8F, 8G Duke of Ed Preparation Camp
30 Nov -1 Dec	Year 8A, 8B, 8C & 8D Duke of Ed Prep Camp
4 Dec	Year 1 Day Camp – Staughton Vale
5 Dec	Prep Rec & Prep Day Camp – Staughton Vale
5 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner – Lakeside Receptions
7 Dec	Junior School Meet the Teacher Afternoon
8 Dec	Prep – Year 4 Performances & Craft Morning
11-12 Dec	Year 2 Camp – Lady Northcote
11 Dec	Awards Day & End of Term Years 9-11
12 Dec	Awards Day & End of Term Years 5-8
13 Dec	Fun Sports Day & End of Term Prep – Year 4

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Senior School News –Music News.

General News – Junior and Senior School Annual Food Train Drive, Changes to the Late bus in Term 4.

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2017 School Leadership Photos

BMG School Leadership photos are now available to view and purchase from MSP Photography Ballarat. Orders will close on **Monday 16 October**. For more information please contact MSP Photography on 5333 5577 or visit their website <http://www.msp.com.au/ballarat>. Students who were involved in the Leadership photos have been provided an information sheet via their class/tutor teachers.

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.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to students and staff, I hope that all have returned refreshed and enthusiastic about the challenges that lie ahead for this term. Term 4 can be a very busy term, leading up to examinations for Years 7 to 12, and finalising assessment tasks for all year levels. Please make sure that you do not leave everything to the "night before" but use your time effectively. Revise regularly for examinations and allow suitable time for assignments.

UNIT 4 VCE STUDY WEEK

From Wednesday, 25 October, VCE Unit 4 students commence SWOT Vac. All students are required to attend at least one or two study sessions with their class teacher throughout this period of study leading up to their VCE Examinations to be

held in the Terraces Building, commencing Wednesday 1 November with the Unit 4 English examination. Unit 4 students must wear summer uniform to school for their study classes and examinations. Unit 4 VCE staff will be following their usual timetable until their subject examination is completed and be available in their scheduled VCE class times.

Throughout the VCE examination period all VCE staff will be available to assist students with their studies.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Students may start to wear their summer uniform from the beginning of Term Four. **Please ensure that hair styles are within acceptable guidelines as set out in the school diary.** School shoes need to be clean and any broken buckles, laces etc... repaired.

A reminder that school blazers do not need be worn on days forecast to be **30 degrees and higher**. Students may also wish to wear their full school uniform on some of the forecasted colder days.

Do not mix sports uniform with summer uniform with full school uniform, i.e. ties must be worn with long sleeved shirts, and runners are not to be worn with summer or full school uniform.

End of year Examinations

Examinations commence for:

Unit 1/2 classes - Thursday 16 November

Year 9/10 classes - Friday 17 November

Year 8 classes – Wednesday 22 November

All students should be revising and catching up on any overdue work. Throughout the exam week, all Year 11 students are required to **wear their correct summer uniform** and are required to **attend school** for examinations only, they are permitted to study at home and attend examinations or study at school and attend examinations.

Kevin Richardson

Assistant Principal - Acting Head of Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Sports Hub – Term 4 2017

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

Junior School Sporting Teams

Selected Junior School students will be participating in various sporting events in the coming weeks. We wish them all well and congratulations on their achievements to date.

BMPSSA Red Ball Tennis –Friday 13 October to be held in Caroline Springs.

Junior School Regional Athletics – Tuesday 17 October.

BMPSSA Basketball Girls Basket Ball- Eagle Stadium Werribee

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

Sports Hub – Term 4 2017

During Term 4 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 any 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.

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

Day	Date	Activity
Wednesday	Wednesday 18 Oct	Basketball / Netball
	Wednesday 25 Oct	
	Wednesday 1 Nov	
	Wednesday 8 Nov	
	Wednesday 15 Nov	
	Wednesday 22 Nov	
	Wednesday 29 Nov	
Wednesday 6 Dec		
Thursday	Thursday 19 Oct	Dance
	Thursday 26 Oct	
	Thursday 2 Nov	
	Thursday 9 Nov	
	Thursday 16 Nov	
	Thursday 23 Nov	
	Thursday 30 Nov	
Thursday 7 Dec		

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:

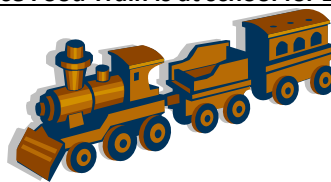
The Learning Hub - 0408 548 058
The Sport Hub - 0428 315 081

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

JUNIOR and SENIOR NEWS

Neighbours Place Food Train is at school for 2017!



The food train is here again in 2017 and BMG has begun collecting donations of non-perishable items in support of The Neighbours Place in Bacchus Marsh just in time for Christmas. The JS & SS SRC teams would like to encourage students and staff to contribute to the "Food Train" from the Neighbours Place located in Bacchus Marsh.

ABOUT THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE - The Neighbour's Place is a not-for-profit organization staffed by volunteers. The primary purpose of the Neighbours Place is to provide food assistance to those in need. Highly valued food items include: canned meats, canned soup, breakfast cereal, long life milk, dry pasta or rice, canned vegetables such as tomatoes, peas and corn. These items really do make a difference to someone who is doing it tough.

The JS and SS SRC are aiming to collect at least 1200 items to donate to the Neighbours Place. This number represents one item from each family at the school so please jump on board the train and help those in need.

Nonperishable items are to be collected by class and tutor groups and brought to the Administration Office **after AM Class/Tutor group.**

JUNIOR SCHOOL DEBATING NEWS

On Monday 9 October the Junior School debating team competed in Round Two of the DAV Junior Secondary program.

Both teams debated for the Affirmative side on the topic, 'That Hollywood movies should be historically accurate'.

Team 2 – Zoe Daniel, Emmerson Kitchin and Jai Gathercole competed against Williamstown High School. The BMG team won the debate.

Team 1 – Brandan Knight, Chloe Baira and Khayle Forsyth competed against Good News Lutheran School. The BMG team won the debate and Chloe Baira was awarded best speaker.

The students did a great job considering the students they compete against are in year 7 and 8. They represented the school exceptionally well.

Sian Rawlinson
Junior School Debating Coordinator

Raising confident kids – Part II

At the end of last term we started discussing ways to raise confident children and how we can nurture increased confidence in children as they get older. I thought it would be nice to begin Term 4 with some more practical tips and tricks about how to teach confidence to our children.

What is confidence?

Confidence is essentially feeling good in your own skin. It is about not being overly concerned with what others think if you make a mistake. Confidence shows itself when kids are not afraid to fail and are happy to meet someone new. Confidence involves kids having trust in themselves and believing that they will probably be successful in the end. Confident kids stand up straight, look people in the eye, and speak clearly and with a firm tone of voice. Confidence is also a way of thinking that involves being optimistic, not being afraid to make mistakes, not worrying too much what others think of you when your work isn't perfect and, most importantly, accepting yourself when you have not achieved what you have set out to learn.

Teaching confidence

As parents, we are best placed to teach our kids what it means to be confident, behaviours they can practise, thinking strategies they can employ and acknowledging when they show confident behaviour.

Have conversations with kids about what it means to be confident :

- *Don't be afraid to make mistakes.*
- *Don't worry too much about what people are thinking about you when you have a go. Be positive. That will help you to be confident.*
- *Confidence means believing in yourself.*
- *Remember to stand up straight, look people in the eye, use a clear voice.*

Describe examples of confident behaviours to practise

- *Putting your hand up when your teacher asks a question and you think you know the answer.*
- *Trying hard work first without asking your teacher for help.*
- *Asking your teacher for help when you are having difficulty.*
- *Trying different things that are hard to do like playing a musical instrument or trying out for a team.*
- *Talking to someone new.*
- *Sharing ideas with your family, friends or in class.*
- *Starting a conversation.*

Discuss ways to think that will help a child to be confident

- *Remember, you are not a 'D' person when you get a 'D.'*
- *Don't put yourself down because someone wasn't nice to you. You still have many good points. (Accepting Myself Thinking)*
- *Making mistakes is a natural part of learning. (Taking Risks Thinking)*
- *While it's nice to be liked by others, it's not the worst thing in the world if someone does not want to spend time with you or is mean to you. (Being Independent Thinking)*
- *It is important that you be yourself and make your own decisions. If people do not approve, it is not the end of the world. (Being Independent Thinking)*
- *Have a positive attitude and think, "I can do this. I'm more likely to be successful than to fail." (I Can Do It Thinking)*

Say and acknowledge a child's confidence

- *That took confidence.*
- *That was not easy to do but you did it.*
- *You are not afraid to take risks.*
- *You had a confident voice when you spoke.*
- *You confidently stood up for what you believed.*
- *You were not afraid to make a mistake.*
- *Predicting success helps you to be successful.*
- *You have a confident approach to your work.*
- *You did not get too upset with yourself for not achieving a good result.*
- *You looked confident.*

Source: <https://youcandoitparents.com.au/blog/baking-the-cake-of-confidence/>

Veronica Johnston

DEVELOPING READING SKILLS NEWS

Stages of Reading Development

The skill of reading, like all skills in life, occurs in stages and requires continued learning, practice and consolidation before progression from one stage to another. The stages of development are predominantly impacted by a child's continuous exposure to all forms of oral, pictorial and written literacy as well as other factors relating to their specific learning needs.

Stage 1: the emerging pre-reader (typically between 6 months to 6 years old)

Stage 2: the novice reader (typically between 6 to 7 years old)

Stage 3: the decoding reader (typically between 7 - 9 years old)

Stage 4: the fluent, comprehending reader (typically between 9 - 15 years old)

Stage 5: the expert reader (typically from 16 years and older)

(Maryanne Wolf (2008) in her book *Proust and the squid: the story and science of the reading brain*)

As parents, we celebrate the reading successes of our children, however, can become concerned when we feel that they are not progressing as we feel they should be. The skill of reading is an individualised one which requires varied approaches of learning and practice. Some children need to use pictorial images to support their reading of words, whilst others within their age are able to move onto longer texts with fewer images. The question teachers are asked the most relating to a student's reading ability is: what can I be doing at home to help my child become a better reader? The answer is simple: read with your child often, listen to your child read often and discuss the text from different points of view.

A letter was sent home in Term One outlining various questions you can ask your child, if you would like another copy please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Alison Cummins

Director of Reading Enhancement

MUSIC NEWS



TERM 4 Co-curricular Ensemble Rehearsals

All afterschool co-curricular Music ensembles resume rehearsals for Term 4 next week, at the commencement of **WEEK 2**.

2018 Instrumental Program

FINAL REMINDER.

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 Friday **13 October 2017** to secure your child's place in the 2018 Instrumental Music Program **or to cancel** from the program. If no notice has been received by this date, students may lose their current place in the program and will be added to the waiting list until further notice.

Students wishing to enrol into the 2018 instrumental program who are not currently part of the program, need to complete 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 this term.

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

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

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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.

Year 12 students using the Late Bus in Term 4

Year 12 students who utilise the Late Bus in Term 4 from **Tuesday 10 October** are required to pay \$15.00 per trip to reception upon signing up for the bus.

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.

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

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



"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.



VCE

Showcase
2017

WILSON HALL

Opening Night

16th of October 4-6pm

Fashion Parade at 5.30pm

Remaining Open

17th-19th of October

Art

Music

Media

Studio Art

Hospitality

Food Technology

Systems Engineering

Product Design & Technology

Visual Communication Design



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IT!



REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU

**Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association
Term 4 Aussie Hoops- Children aged 5-10
Commences: Wednesday 11th Oct 2017
Time: 4:15- 5:00pm
Contact: Nicole Grundy (0408 748 731)**

