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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome all students and families to Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2018. The year has been a busy one so far with considerable work at the Maddingley and Staughton Vale campuses and a great deal of preparatory work at Woodlea.

At Maddingley the arrival of four “pods” towards South Maddingley Road will substantially lift the number of instrumental music lessons that we are able to offer. In the next week, you will also see considerable work relating to the provision of new toilet facilities for students. A considerable effort was also put into landscaping of the areas that students play/relax in so that they are both more appealing but also more consistent in design. It has been pleasing to see how many of these areas are being heavily utilised from day one. Staughton Vale is nearing completion and the site will soon be attached to mains power. It is delightful, even at this, the hottest part of the year, with many of the fruit trees ready for harvest. A major advance in relation to the Woodlea site occurred during the holidays when the school secured a Planning Permit for our planned development. With the gaining of this Permit, we have moved another enormous step closer to having Woodlea ready for 2019.

I would like to thank staff for their efforts on Friday both in relation to showing new students to their classrooms but most particularly for the way they managed the provision of buses. I think it is worth stepping back occasionally and thinking of the magnitude of the task. Approximately 1,500 students leave classrooms and are moved towards buses, which generally depart at or before 3:30pm. This, particularly in the early weeks is an enormous task which is done extremely well. From the meticulous planning to the care of students, it is an enormous exercise done well. Yes, last Friday some buses were slightly late in getting away. IN all cases this was because staff were going above and beyond the ensure that every one of those 1,500 students were on the right bus and had someone to pick them up – even if they didn’t really understand either of those two things. One of the hallmarks of the staff is their commitment to students. It was really on show last Friday.

A warm welcome to new and old families – I wish you well for the remainder of the year.

**Andrew A Neal**  
Principal

## Key Upcoming DATES

- 8 Feb Prep Reading Information Night – Gym 7.00pm
- 9 Feb VET Hospitality & VCE Food Studies - South Melb Market
- 12 Feb Year 3 and 4 Swimming Tryouts
- 12 Feb Year 9/10 Global Issues Fieldtrip
- 13 Feb Year 1 Reading Workshop – *Lecture Theatre*
- 12-14 Feb Year 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D Orientation Coastal Camp
- 14-16 Feb Year 7E, 7F, 7G, 7H Orientation Coastal Camp
- 14-16 Feb OES Coast Expedition
- 14 Feb VCE Environmental Science Excursion
- 14 Feb Year 2 Reading Workshop – *Lecture Theatre*
- 14 Feb VCE Environmental Science Excursion
- 15 Feb Year 5 and 6 Swimming Tryouts
- 16 Feb Closing date for Year 7 2019 Applications**
- 19 Feb Commencement Ceremony – *Years 7-12*
- 21 Feb Secondary House Swimming – *Melton Waves*
- 22 Feb Year 12 2018 Information Evening – *Gym 6.30pm*
- 23 Feb Years 3-6 House Swimming Carnival – *Werribee*
- 2 Mar BMPSSA Swimming Carnival
- 2 Mar Bacchus Marsh Longest Lunch – *selected students*
- 6 Mar Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 6 Mar Top Class Music Excursion – 6.00pm
- 7 Mar ICCES Swimming, Badminton and Table Tennis
- 7- 8 Mar Prep Reception – Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 8 Mar Year 7 Immunisations
- 12 Mar Labour Day Public Holiday - *No School*
- 13-16 Mar International Week*
- 13 Mar Year 2 Incursion – *Aussie Allsorts*
- 14 Mar Years 7-12 House Javelin
- 14 Mar Primary Multi Cultural Footy Day
- 14 Mar Drama 1 Class Excursion – *Malthouse Southbank*
- 15 Mar Years 3-6 Division Swimming - *selected students*
- 20 Mar Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 22 Mar Years 7-12 Athletics - *Werribee*
- 23 Mar Years 3-6 House Athletics
- 26-29 Mar Year 9A,B,C Duke of Edinburgh Camp
- 26 Mar DAV Debating Round 1 - *St Bernard’s College*
- 27 Mar Years 3-6 Regional Swimming – *selected students*
- 29 Mar End of Term 1

### Valentine’s Day

Please note that the school will not be accepting any gifts, flowers or cards for students on Valentine’s Day. If a delivery arrives for a student, it will be refused.

### YEAR 7 ENTRY FOR 2019

A reminder to all families, the process for entry into Year 7 2019 is commencing for new applicants (not current BMG Year 6 students). Please note that the “cut-off” date for enrolment applications for **Year 7 2019 is Friday 16 February 2018**. Applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list.

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**Health Centre – Direct contact number 5366 4873**



**FROM THE SENIOR DEPUTY PRINCIPALS**

**Mr Kevin Richardson  
and  
Mrs Elizabeth O'Day**



### WELCOME

I would like to welcome all staff, students and families back to Bacchus Marsh Grammar for 2018.

### STAFF

Please welcome to Bacchus Marsh Grammar the following new staff members who will be teaching in the following subjects areas:

#### New Staff 2018

**Ms Jennie CLARK** - English

**Ms Alyce COYNE**- English

**Ms Celeste DOHNE**- Mathematics

**Mr Scott FAULKNER** -Science & P.E.

**Ms Samantha GOODMAN** - English

**Ms Wendy GURNEY** - Mathematics

**Ms Nevien KIROLLOS** - Mathematics

**Mr Duncan MALCOLM** - French & English

**Ms Gabriella PINO** - P.E. & Mathematics

**Ms Georgia SMITH** - Indonesian & Humanities

**Ms Jimmy ZHANG** - Information Technology

**Mr Daniel ARANCIBIA** - Instrumental Music

**Mr Aaron MARSHALL** - Instrumental Music

It is very pleasing to welcome back from family and extended leave the following staff members who will be resuming teaching duties in the following subject areas

### Returning from extended leave

**Ms Emily CLARK** - Psychology

**Ms Ainslee MCNAMARA** - Science & Health

**Ms Cassandra SMITH** - English

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Students may wear their summer uniform for Term One.**

Please ensure that hairstyles are within acceptable guidelines as set out in the school diary. Students need to be wearing appropriate school shoes; **“ballet style,” “fashion” and “skate” (flat soled) shoes are not acceptable.**

I would like to bring to parent's attention an issue that is arising with boy's hairstyle. A common hairstyle that is proving to be the latest trend for boys, contravenes school requirements with regard to acceptable hairstyles. As stated in the school diary, hairstyles are to be **even or not overly graded** in cut and must be off the face.

- Hair must not be shaved/clipped less than a number three.

**Therefore, boys who have their hairstyle long on the top and short back and sides will be required to adjust their hairstyle to be evenly graded from sides to the top. This will need to be rectified by the end of this week.**

Boys who attend school “unshaven” will be required to shave at the Health Centre or return home to shave before commencing classes. Ponytails for boys are not permitted.

Long hair for girls must be off the face, not obstructing eyesight. Hair tied back or clips will assist with this.

A reminder that for days forecast to be **30 degrees** and higher, that blazers do not need be worn to school. Students may also wish to wear their full school uniform (winter) on some of the forecast colder days. If for some appropriate reason, your child is unable to wear their normal summer or full school uniform, then they need to wear the complete sports uniform. **Do not mix** sports uniform with summer uniform or 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.

The old gold and black spray jacket has been phased out over the past three years and is no longer part of the school uniform. This jacket has been replaced by the BMG Anorak. Please note that the anorak can be worn to protect the school blazer, not instead of the school blazer and is not to be worn to class.

Please review the School Uniform regulations as set out in the diary. **If you are unsure, please ask prior to any significant “fashion” changes.**

**Kevin Richardson  
Senior Deputy Principal**

### **IMPORTANT: BUS PROCEDURES**

A reminder to Primary School parents [P – 6] that they must collect their child, (if there is not an older sibling,) from the bus and ensure they are easily visible to the driver. Drivers have been instructed to keep to their timetable, so parents need to arrive early at their child's bus stop. Children not collected will remain on the bus and contact will be made with the parent.

Welcome to all the new families who have joined the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community this year. Our new prep students have started in a calm manner and have settled quickly into school routine.

This year we welcome the foundation students from the Bacchus Marsh Grammar at Woodlea cohort. This year, Woodlea students from Prep to Year 5 will attend school on the Maddingley campus and be a welcomed addition to our community. Woodlea staff and students will work closely with Maddingley staff and students to orientate them to the calm and structured environment fostered at the Grammar. The Woodlea students will also bond as a group in their own right, to build a solid foundation as they move towards their new campus in 2019.

We also welcome the new Maddingley students as they join with us to continue their education at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. These students appear to have settled into school routine well.

If you feel your child needs some extra support in this settling phase, please speak to your child's class teacher or email them via [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au).

#### **Enrolments for 2019 Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses.**

We are currently working through applications for enrolment for Prep Reception and Prep 2019 at the Maddingley campus and Prep 2019 at the Woodlea campus. If you have not submitted your child's application for enrolment, please do so as a matter of urgency.

We are also sorting through applications for the Woodlea campus for 2019 in all Years One to Six. If you have not submitted your child's application for enrolment, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Interviews for Prep 2019 for both Maddingley and Woodlea campuses will be conducted on Saturday 5 May for **New** family applications and Saturday 19 May for Woodlea positions, Years One to Six.

Current families will be notified of times for interviews for sibling applications.

#### **New Staff - Prep to Year 6**

**Ms Jessica Dalrymple** - Coordinator – Year 4 and Year 4D Class Teacher

**Mrs Natalie Goddard** - Prep G Class Teacher

**Miss Zoe Osborn** - Year 1G Class Teacher

**Mrs Samantha Bowden** - Year 2F Class Teacher

**Ms Paige Banks** - Year 3F Class Teacher

**Mrs Tanya Baselmans** - Year 3G Class Teacher

**Mrs Meaghan Nixon** - Year 5A Class Teacher

**Miss Jaclyn Gloury** - Year 4F Class Teacher

**Miss Kaitlyn White** - Year 5D Class Teacher

**Mr Nicholas Panczel** - Year 5E Class Teacher

**Miss Natalie Rompel** - Year 5F Class Teacher

**Miss Elyse Sicari** - Year 5G Class Teacher

**Mrs Heidi Funston** - Year 6C Class Teacher

**Mrs Amanda Pretty** - Year 6D Class Teacher

**Mr Daniel Screen** - Year 6E Class Teacher

**Mr Liam Gill** - Physical Education

**Mrs Samantha Goodman** - Science/Mathematics

**Mrs Adrianna Lazos** - Art/Performance

#### **Returning Staff - Prep – Year 6**

**Mrs Holly McKay** - Prep

**Mrs Rachel Dale** - Years 5 and 6

**Mrs Laura Slater** - Science

**Miss Millie Osborn** - Speech Pathologist

#### **Important Dates to Remember**

Parent Teacher Interviews 2018 - Prep to Year 6

Wednesday 7 March and Thursday 8 March

Wednesday 1 August and Thursday 2 August

#### **Bacchus Marsh Grammar Early Learning Centre**

The Early Learning Centre is located at 5-7 Quarry Road, Aintree (Woodlea Estate) and currently caters for children aged 2-5. There are limited vacancies in our Year 3 and 4-year-old room. Parents, who are interested, can contact the Director, Mrs Kerry Osborn, on 5366 4900.

#### **Mrs Elizabeth O'Day**

Senior Deputy Principal



#### **FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL Years 1 to 4 Programme**

Welcome to the new school year. A big welcome to all our new preps and new students across varying levels of the Junior School (Prep – Year 4) I look forward to getting to know the families who have joined us in the Junior School and sharing with you, your involvement in your child's education.

All students in the Junior School appear to have settled quickly into the school routine. If your child is experiencing any areas of concern I would hope you are working through these with your child's class teacher. The Year Level Coordinator is also available to assist with any issues, and please feel free to contact me at school any time if you have any queries or concerns.

## Year Level Coordinators 2018

Mrs Kylie McKerrow	<b>Prep A and Prep</b>
Mrs Kim Blundell	<b>Year 1</b>
Miss Bianca Gordon	<b>Year 2</b>
Miss Sian Rawlinson	<b>Year 3</b>
Miss Jessica Dalrymple	<b>Year 4</b>

The Year Level Coordinators can be contacted at school on 5366 4800 or email [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au) if you wish to discuss any issues regarding your child.

## HUBS Programs

### Learning Hub

The Learning Hub Program operates Monday to Friday from 3.05pm – 5.30pm during the school term. Mrs Judith Clark oversees the Learning Hub and Sports Hub on a nightly basis. Mrs Donna Blake is the Learning Hub Coordinator; Lauren Majewski is the Sports Hub Coordinator.

A reminder to parents that if your child is booked into the Learning or Sport Hub and circumstances change during the course of the day, please notify the Administration Office to ensure that we are not calling you and searching for your child at the end of the school day. If your child is a regular at the Learning Hub and is not attending on a specific night, this needs to be noted in your child's diary or at the Administration Centre.

If you require your child to join the Learning Hub program, bookings must be received by 9.30am at Reception on the day required. Bookings will then need to be confirmed subject to availability.

Please note that you are no longer able to claim CCB rebates for this program.

**The Learning Hub contact number is 0408 548 058**

The Learning Hub now operates from Rooms L6 and L7. These rooms are located adjacent to the basketball court near the gymnasium. If students are participating in activities in other areas of the school, a note will be left on the door to direct parents to the activity area.

### Sports Hub

Information about this program has been distributed. The program is open to all Primary School students and operates on Monday to Thursday afternoon for the remainder of the term beginning Monday 13 February. The program runs from 3.05pm-4.30pm. Bookings can be made on the parent portal or there is a form available at the office. There is a \$30 fee associated per child per sport for the 2018 program. This fee is non-refundable.

The sports offered are:

Monday	Cricket
Tuesday	Ball Sports
Wednesday	Balance and Fitness
Thursday	Anything Goes

## Nuts and Nut Products

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we have a growing number of students who have been identified with anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction particularly to nuts and nut products. In the interest of the safety of all students in our school, it is necessary that we ban students from bringing peanut butter sandwiches/rolls/biscuits and snack bags of nuts to school for snack or lunch. It would also be appreciated if parents could be careful in selecting food with nuts listed as an ingredient for their child's lunchbox.

## Primary School Adventure Playgrounds

The Primary School Adventure Playgrounds are **OUT OF BOUNDS** at all times before and after school. I ask parents to please not allow any students or toddlers to use this equipment during the hours of 8.15a.m. - 9.00a.m., and 3.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. These areas are not supervised by staff during these times. Any student using the play equipment during these times will be administered with a lunchtime detention.

## Uniform and Hair Regulations

I encourage all parents to become familiar with the Uniform and Hair regulations published in your child's diary. Some students have started back without attending to their hair. From next week class teachers and the Year Level coordinators will be conducting uniform, hair and jewellery checks. Students with issues that need attention will be administered with notification of what is required. Students will be required to rectify the problem promptly to avoid further consequences.

Please note as per the student diary that it is preferred that runners reflect the school colours of black, white, gold or blue however, we understand the growing difficulty in obtaining these. Fluorescent colours are **strongly discouraged**.

## Working with Children Check

It is a legal requirement that any person who works or voluntarily assists within the school environment has a Working with Children Check. Thank you to the parents who have already presented their Working with Children Check Card at the school office for inclusion on the school database. Unfortunately, we cannot allow helpers to assist with the children until your name is included on the school register. If you haven't already done so, please present your Working with Children Check Card to Michelle Graham in the Principal's office to ensure you are registered.

Working with Children Check application forms are available on line.

For current parents it is wise to check that your Working with Children Check is still valid.

**In addition to the WWC Check, there are other specific requirements for parent helpers that must be completed prior to assisting with children. A note specific to this will be distributed to the youngest child in each Primary School family.**

### Infectious Disease and Head Lice

It is imperative that cases of infectious disease are reported to your child's class teacher and to Jo Stanley in the Health Centre as soon as parents become aware of the illness. This includes cases of chicken pox, measles and the like. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

All cases of head lice with students need to be reported to the Health Centre or your child's class teacher to enable us to monitor this closely in the Primary School. All children will be checked by our school nurse and first aid staff in cases of reports of head lice. Children in the same class of the child who has been infected with head lice will be checked by the Health Centre staff.

### Pets and School

Due to the number of students with allergies to various animals, students are not permitted to bring pets to school for their show and tell times.

### Years 3-6 Swimming Trials

On Monday 12 February, some of the Year 3 and Year 4 students will be involved in swimming trials. These will be held at the Werribee outdoor pool. All students are required to come to school on the day and will be bussed to and from the pool. The Year 5 and 6 students will have their trials on Thursday 15 February.

### Jan Loftus

Head of Junior School - Years 1 to 4 Programme

## READING NEWS

### Rigorous Reading: Reading with Rigour

Throughout this year at Bacchus Marsh Grammar we are continuing to focus on enhancing the reading behaviours and comprehension skills of our students. This whole school approach will enable students to engage regularly with a range of texts and continue to develop their ability to read with rigour... 'Rigorous Reading'.

Rigorous reading: reading with rigour, means to be excited about reading, opening your mind to the interesting and thought-provoking opportunities an author is offering within their text. It is the process of engaging with a range of genres: information; poetry; fantasy; adventure; contemporary; classic. When reading any genre it is through comprehension that a reader is able to understand and completely engage with the text; develop an understanding as to the purpose, author's intention, and generate enthusiasm and drive to continue reading.

Over the holiday period there was a lot of exciting and interesting events that happened in relation to literature. The Sidney Myer Music Bowl hosted the *Pop Up Globe* which held many fantastical Shakespearean performances, *Alice in Wonderland* was performed at the Atheneum Theatre, *Peter Rabbit* has been turned into a children's film due to be

released early this year in cinemas and *The Wind in the Willows* was performed at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne and Sydney, as well as many other performances and events recreating the excitement and imagination of literature.

All of these performances were based on literature written well before our time:

\* **Shakespeare plays** – written by William Shakespeare and published between the late 1500's to early 1600's

\* ***Alice in Wonderland*** – written by Charles Lutwidge Dodgson and published in 1856

\* ***Peter Rabbit*** – written by Beatrix Potter and published in 1902

\* ***The Wind in the Willows*** – written by Kenneth Grahame and published in 1908

Whilst language has changed over the years, authors have continued to maintain the same goal when writing, engage and interest readers; create opportunities for readers to be excited and to read with rigour. We all enjoy watching performances and movies that are based on literature that we have read and loved, however, how often have you walked away and thought, "I enjoyed the book more"?

### Junior School Reading Information Dates

In the upcoming weeks, the school will be holding various information sessions to offer practical strategies to parents across Prep to Year 2 when reading at home with their child. The dates and times are below:

#### **Prep Parent Information Evening:**

Held in the School Gym

Thursday the 8 February – Starting at 7pm

#### **Parent Practical Workshops:** Held in the Lecture Theatre

Tuesday 12 February 2018 – Prep (8.50am)

Wednesday 13 February 2018 – Year 1 (2pm)

Thursday 14 February 2018 – Year 2 (8.50am)

### Alison Cummins

## JUNIOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

### PLEASE NOTE

The Junior School swim trials will be held at the **Werribee outdoor pool for Year 3 and 4 students on Monday 12 February.**

The Middle School swim trials will be held at **Werribee outdoor pool on Thursday 15 February for Year 5 and 6 students.**

### Congratulations to:

Aysha Masood (Year 4) and Yasmin Masood (Year 2) who are both avid swimmers. The girls train three times a week with their swimming club, the Gisborne Sharks and attend regional swim meets with their club every weekend. Last weekend, at a swim meet in Maryborough, Aysha won one gold and two silver medals.

Aysha has been selected for the Victorian District 15 team (9 & Under Girls) and Yasmin has been selected for the Victorian District 15 team (7 & Under Girls), making her the youngest member of the team. The girls have been selected for various strokes and relays in the team and will be competing in the Victorian Inter-district swimming competitions in a few weeks.

Well done to both girls on your personal sporting achievements.

#### Rachel McMahon

Head of Junior School Phys. Ed, Camps and After School Programs



#### FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL Years 5 to 8 Programme

Welcome to the new school year. A big welcome to all our new Year 7's and new students across varying levels of the Middle School. I look forward to getting to know the families who have joined us in the Middle School and sharing with you, your involvement in your child's education.

All students in the Middle School appear to have settled quickly into the school routine and embracing the building and grounds changes that have occurred over the holidays. If your child is having, any areas of concern I would hope you are working through these with your child's tutor teacher/s. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any queries or concerns.

**Head of Middle School** - Dean Peplinkhouse

**Deputy Head of Middle School** - Rosalind Pittard

#### Year Level Coordinators 2018

Mr Trevor Hilton	Year 5
Mr Wesley McLaughlin	Year 6
Mr Steven Bell	Year 7
Mrs Cindy Daniel	Year 8

The Year Level Coordinators can be contacted at school on 5366 4800 or email [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au) if you wish to discuss any issues regarding your child.

#### Learning Hub

The Learning Hub Program operates Monday to Friday from 3.05pm – 5.30pm during the school term and is made available to Year 5 and 6 students. Please refer to the School Business Notice for further details about the program and contact the Administration Office for program details.

#### Sports Hub

The program is open to all Middle School students in Years 5 and 6 and operates on Monday to Thursday afternoon for the remainder of the term beginning Monday 13 February. The

program runs from 3.05pm-4.30pm. Bookings can be made on the parent portal or there is a form available at the office.

#### Upcoming Middle School events

- Students across the Middle school have already started on their journey out to the Staughton Vale Campus to take part in the innovative Middle Years Program.
- Year 7 Orientation camp will begin on the week of the 12/2 with each half of the Year 7's taking part in a three day experience.
- Swimming trials will also take place for Year 5 and 6 students over the coming week and is open to all capable swimmers. Please read the permission forms for more details.

#### Year 6 School Leadership Positions 2018

Following on from the leadership announcements that were made last year these students have also been awarded a Leadership role.

#### Performing Arts Captains

Joss Emini

Kristina Bogic

Marlee Wilson

Year 6 Bus Captains will be announced at their assembly on Monday and will be published in next newsletter.

#### Dean Peplinkhouse

Head of Middle School - Years 5 to 8 Programme

#### LEARNING HUB – STUDENTS PREP RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 NEWS

**A Reminder** to all parents and guardians to enroll or re-enroll your child/ren for the 2018 Learning Hub program should you require it.

**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](mailto:hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au)

#### POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS

Welcome back to the new school year!

For those of you who have not seen the newsletter before, each edition we provide (hopefully) useful tips for parents to help with difficulties that may arise. This week, we are focusing on making the transition back to school as seamless as possible for your child and your family. Try out some of these ideas:

**1. Sleep for school.** Setting up a regular bedtime and wake-up routine before school starts is a crucial step to prepare your

child for class and a practical way to cut down on first-day stress.

**2. Look up to learning.** If your child is feeling a bit anxious about going back to school, keep a positive attitude. Recall the fun and exciting events, field trips, projects, and so on from years past, and show excitement about the opportunities for learning new things in the upcoming year.

**3. Walk through it.** Escorting younger children to the classroom can help with the transition. Familiarize your child with key places such as the bathroom, gym, library, and cafeteria — your child will feel more confident if they know where everything is.

**4. Suit 'em up.** Shopping for school supplies with your child can be a fun way to give her some responsibility. Provide parameters, but allow her to pick out a backpack, lunch box, nap mat, water bottle, new clothes, and some basic school supplies (pencils, crayons, etc).

**5. Talk it out.** Asking your child about school is important. It shows him that you value his education. Try to avoid general questions, like "How was your day?" These will most likely produce one-word answers. Instead, be specific.

**6. Bring it home.** Helping your child with their homework is an effective way to show concern for what she learns at school. Displaying your child's projects around the house also helps to keep learning excitement high.

**7. Go farther.** Getting involved in school events is a critical aspect of showing support and enthusiasm for your child's learning experience. Participating in school activities is also a valuable way of connecting to the school community. You can learn a lot about the school just by talking to fellow parents.

**8. Keep your eyes (and ears) open.** If your child's eating or sleeping habits have changed drastically, it may be a sign that they are having difficulty adjusting to his new grade. Be sure to let your child's teacher know if this happens so we can support you.

**9. Read, read, read.** Reading with your child is an invaluable way to spend quality time together on a daily basis. In addition to other long-term benefits, reading together can also be a practical way to discern her reading level.

**10. Connect.** Communicating with your child's teacher on a regular basis is an essential part of caring for his/her education. Teachers can alert you to any emotional, social, or academic difficulties they perceive in your child at school. The same works in reverse: notify teachers about changes that might affect your child's behavior in school. Some examples are illness, divorce, the death of a family member, a recent move, or a parent getting a new job.

Reference:

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/back-to-school/10-teachers-tips-kick-starting-new-school-year>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, feedback or suggestions for future articles [johnstonv@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:johnstonv@bmg.vic.edu.au)

Have a great start to the school term.

**Veronica Johnston**



## **FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL** **Years 9 to 12 Programme**

A warm welcome to 2018 to all our returning and new families to BMG. We trust you all enjoyed a relaxing summer break.

It has been pleasing to see students have settled back into the school routine quickly and classes are working productively. Our Year 12 students started the year off with a Development Day prior to official classes starting. The students were involved in a range of activities to help them prepare for the busy year ahead.

A reminder to all students and parents to become familiar with the school uniform policy stated at the front of the student diary.

If you or your child are experiencing any concerns we encourage you to make contact with your child's tutor group teachers. Your child's tutor group teacher or Year Level coordinator can be emailed directly or via the school email [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au) or contacted at the school on 5366 4800.

**Head of Senior School** – Mrs Debra Ogston

**Deputy Head of Senior School** – Mrs Erin Thornton

**Year 9 Coordinator** – Mr Tony Castrignano

**Year 10 Coordinator** – Mr Russell Clark

**Year 11 Coordinator** – Mr Justin Cooper

**Year 12 Coordinator** – Mrs Natalie Desira

**Year 9/10 Coordinator and Leadership Program** – Mrs Laura Edwards and Mr Michael Howell

### Upcoming dates

Commencement Ceremony – Assembly Monday 19 Feb

House Swimming – 21 February

Year 12 2018 Information Evening – 22 February

Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews – 20 March

House Athletics – 22 March

**Debra Ogston**

Head of Senior School - Years 9 to 12 Programme

### **CAREERS NEWS**

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM 2018**

The school has decided to replace the formal Year 10 Work Experience Program for 2018 and beyond. Alternative programs will be offered to students, making stronger development experiences more accessible to a range of students in Years 9-12. Students wishing to complete a work experience placement will still be supported, but only

where there are direct and obvious links to the child's career development.

Please speak with Mrs Wu-Tollis and/or your child's Tutor Group Teacher with regard to arrangements, should your child wish to undertake work experience, before finalising details, dates and placements.

**Alice Wu-Tollis**  
Careers Practitioner

#### YEARS 7 TO 12 HOUSE NEWS

Activity	Date	Venue	Time
Swimming	Wednesday 21 February	Melton Waves (Outdoor pool)	9AM - 2.15pm
Athletics <i>Javelin Day</i>	High Jump Week 6 & 7 Wednesday 14 March	GYM Mason's Lane	Lunchtimes (Lunch – Period 5 & 6)
<i>Carnival Day</i>	Thursday 22 March	VUT - Werribee	9-2.15pm

**Evan Long**  
Head of Houses

#### GENERAL INFORMATION NEWS

##### LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to our School Community and particularly our new families - please ensure all your child/ren's items are named. This includes all uniform, lunchboxes, drink bottles and stationery.

Lost items are brought to the office and we will make every effort to return them to students via the class pigeon holes.

##### EXCLUSION FROM MULTIMEDIA

Multimedia includes photography, video, audio or any other form of electronic recording.

These forms of multimedia can and will be used within our School website, publications (Yearbook), weekly newsletters, social media and advertising.

If you wish to exclude your child/ren from School multimedia we encourage you to formally confirm this request in writing to the Principal's Office by completing an Exclusion from Multimedia form located under the School Policy Tab on our website.

<http://bmg.vic.edu.au/uploads/ppage/files/Exclusion%20from%20multimedia%20Nov%202017.pdf>

##### Bacchus Marsh Grammar Official Facebook Page

In Term 4 of 2017, the Principal and School Council approved an official Bacchus Marsh Grammar Facebook page.

This is an opportunity to move with the times and establish an alternative platform of communication within our School Community, share special interest articles, provide useful updates and strengthen the School's brand.

It is our intention to deliver these benefits by engaging the Community to use this method of communication in a positive and responsible manner.

Social media is an integral part of society, and how we form, create and share in our community, however, if social media is inappropriately used, serious issues can arise.

For this reason, Bacchus Marsh Grammar would like to reiterate our intentions for the introduction of an official school Facebook page and enlist the support of the community to ensure its use is entirely appropriate and delivers a safe, positive and happy experience.

It is important that our Community review the following protocols and policies relating to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Facebook Page. These policies are available on the Facebook Information page at [www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community):

- [Facebook Page Brochure](#)
- [School Community Code of Conduct](#)
- [Facebook Protocols Policy](#)
- [Social Media Student Usage](#)
- [Information Communication Technology Policy](#)

Please note: Bacchus Marsh Grammar does not endorse children under the age of thirteen years (a threshold imposed by Facebook) having their own Facebook account. Younger students are encouraged to view the school's Facebook page via their parents Facebook account and under parental supervision.

#### 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

##### Attention MYKI service bus travelers

Can parents please ensure that students have their MYKI card with available credit with them when they are catching the bus. If a student is not carrying their MYKI card with them, they **may be refused** entry on the bus in the afternoon.

**Kerryn Browne**  
Bus Coordinator

### SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA - TEAM VIC

School Sport Victoria State Team Trial Registrations are open for Australian Football, Netball, Basketball, Football (Soccer), Softball, Tennis and Volleyball. These trial registrations close Thursday 1 March, 2018. You can find all the details via [School Sport Victoria's website](#).

<http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic> . If you are looking for a document that details the process, please download the "Team Vic Online Registrations Process." This will give you all the information you need to know before registering. These trials are not come and try days. They are for students who are exceptional in their field and likely to qualify for a state team. Parents are responsible for entering their own children.

### DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE

Please **do not leave your vehicle** if you are parked in this zone at pick up time in the afternoon. It would be appreciated by the School Community if this area is not used as a parking bay before 3:05pm in the afternoon. It is a drop off zone – not a parking zone. The maximum time for parking in this zone is 2 minutes only.



The School wishes to reinforce the need for all users of the car park to act in a responsible, safe and careful manner. Please be patient and observe the speed limits in the carpark.

### [BMG News.](#)

**Don't miss important updates and news from BMG. Have updates emailed directly to you via [BMG News.](#)**

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<http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/news/dsp-eneews.cfm?loadref=113>

The newsletter will be e-mailed to your e-mail address provided once published.



Bacchus Marsh Grammar is once again registered for the Coles Sports for Schools programme. If your family shops at Coles we would like to encourage you to collect your vouchers and send them into school.

### How does it work?

#### Step 1



#### Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.

#### Step 2



#### Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.

#### Step 3



#### Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.



**"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](mailto:rushfords@noone.com.au)

The Canteen is operated as in independent service by Metro Canteens and open from 8.15 am to 1:30 pm daily.

**2018 Menus**

There are 3 menus available and may be found on the school website and have been attached to this newsletter for easy reference:

- [Online/Lunch Order Menu – Qkr orders](#)
- [Over the Counter Purchases – Junior School](#)
- [Over the Counter Purchases – Senior School](#)

**Gluten Free, Vegetarian and Halal**

Please note that gluten free, vegetarian and Halal options are now available from the canteen.

*\*Please note that Gluten Free and Halal options are only available through the online order service.*

**Lunch Order Procedures**

Lunches may be ordered online through the Qkr! app, or by writing an order on a plain bag, with **correct cash** inside.

All canteen orders must be placed **by 9.30 a.m. daily.**

**All written orders must include:**

Student Name

Tutor Group

Items Ordered

Amount of Cash Included in bag.

**Parents must update their Qkr ordering App each year to ensure their child/s details are up to date. Information regarding the Qkr online ordering is attached to the newsletter also.**

**Price increases 2018.**

There has been a number of price increases for 2018 mainly to zooper doopers and ice-creams. These price increases are in line with recommended retail pricing. Please note icypole and ice-creams are only available as over the counter sales.

Mini Calipo \$1.20

Icy Twists \$1.50

Paddle Pops \$2.00

Cyclone \$2.50

Zooper doopers \$1.00