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Celebrating 30 years in 2018

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Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program 2018

Information regarding the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program for 2019 is included on the School's website www.bmg.vic.edu.au and on page 5 of this newsletter. For further information, contact the Principal's Assistant on 5366 4800.

Important Enrolment Information

Junior School 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.

In addition, we are reviewing 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.

Key Upcoming DATES

22 Feb	Year 12 2018 Information Evening – Gym 6.30pm
22 Feb	Year 9 English Excursion
23 Feb	Years 3-6 House Swimming Carnival - Werribee
27 Feb	Year 9-10 Marine Science Excursion – Queenscliff
28 Feb	High Tea @ BMG – 12.00pm Bookings essential
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 Mar	High Tea @ BMG – 12.00pm Bookings essential
7-8 Mar	Prep Reception – Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews
8 Mar	Year 7 Immunisations
9 Mar	Prep Teddy Bears Picnic - Incursion
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
14 Mar	High Tea @ BMG – 12.00pm Bookings essential
15 Mar	Years 3-6 Division Swimming - selected students
20 Mar	Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
21 Mar	Years 3-6 House Athletics
21 Mar	High Tea @ BMG – 12.00pm Bookings essential
22 Mar	Years 7-12 Athletics - Werribee
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
28 Mar	Prep Rec – Year 6 Assembly – Gym 9.00am
29 Mar	Prep Rec – Year 2 Easter Bonnett Parade
29 Mar	Prep – Year 4 Craft Morning
29 Mar	End of Term 1



FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL
Years 1 to 4 Programme

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL, YEARS 3-6

After successful House Swimming Trials, the House Teachers have chosen their teams to compete in our annual House Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6). The carnival will take place this Friday 23 February at the Werribee Outdoor Pool. All students competing should have received a note outlining the arrangements for the day. The students not competing will remain at school and follow their usual curriculum. Good luck to all those involved!

PREP SCHOOL NURSE VISITS

All Prep students will visit the Prep Nurse over the coming weeks. The dates for her visits to the school are:

- **Monday 5 March**
- **Thursday 8 March**
- **Tuesday 18 March**
- **Wednesday 14 March**
- **Thursday 15 March**

PARENT /TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All parents will have the chance to meet with their child's teachers in the coming weeks. The dates for Prep -Year 6 Parent Teacher interviews are a Wednesday 7 and Thursday the 8 March. Information about booking your interviews online was sent home with students this week.

STUDENT TOILETS

An important reminder that parents and other adults are NOT permitted to use the student toilets under any circumstances due to Child Safe regulations. There are visitor toilets near the canteen for adult use.

Jan Loftus

Head of Junior School - Years 1 to 4 Programme

RIGOROUS READING NEWS

Rigorous Reading Reflection Journals, Prep – 4

This week all students in years Prep – 4 received their reading journals. These journals are part of the take home reader program to enable students to practice important reading behaviours and comprehension skills:

- **Fluency** – reading aloud with consistent speed, accuracy and expression.
- **Vocabulary Development** – acquiring and understanding new words within texts
- **Comprehension** – gaining a complete understanding of various meanings within texts including: literal (information directly stated); inferential (information that is implied); critical and evaluative (personal judgements and opinions about the information)

Each fortnight the students will each have a Reading Behaviour or Comprehension Skill goal that they will be able to practise when reading their levelled reading text. Students will set their reading goals with their teacher each fortnight during Guided Reading sessions, specific strategies will also be discussed and students will choose strategies with their teachers that they will use when practising their skill goal at home.

The students are very excited about the reading journals and having the opportunity to reflect on their reading. Within the reading journal there are suggestions for strategies the

students can use to reflect on their reading. The purpose of the varied strategies is to enable the students to choose an approach that interests them and makes their reflection more interesting. For example they may like to write down some interesting words they came across in the text using a variety of colours, or they might like to draw one of the characters they found to be interesting, perhaps they would even like to re-write the ending of a text, write a question to the author...There are a lot of interesting and creative ways that students can reflect on their reading and the teachers are looking forward to seeing the way that the students showcase their reflection.

Enjoy reading with your child/ren at home!

Alison Cummins

Director of Reading Enhancement

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Reminders to all parents:

The Year 3-6 swimming carnival is on **Friday 23 February at Werribee Outdoor pool.**

The Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Wednesday 21 March.

Rachel McMahon

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



FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL Years 5 to 8 Programme

Good luck to all the Year 5 and 6 students who will be participating in the Year 3-6 House Swimming Carnival this Friday 23 February at the Werribee Outdoor Pool.

Dean Peplinkhouse

Head of Middle School - Years 5 to 8 Programme



FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL Years 9 to 12 Programme

This week our School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects were presented to the school community at the 2018 Commencement Ceremony, held in the John Lever Gymnasium on Monday morning. The ceremony also recognised the achievements of a number of students for their academic success in 2017. All current students heard an excellent speech from our Dux of 2017, Aidan Johnson.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

On Monday 19 February, School Captains Juulke Casteljin and Jessica Ewert, along with Vice Captain Laura Knauer, represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar in this years' Lions Club Youth of the Year Award. Each student was interviewed by a panel of three judges who assessed them on their academic and school achievements, community involvement, sporting achievements and leadership. During the interview they were also required to answer a series of questions based on General Knowledge. Phase two of the day involved each student to present a 5 min speech on a topic of their choice and answer two impromptu questions for two minutes, at the Lions Club Dinner in front of the Lions Club members, family and friends.

All three students are to be congratulated on their efforts. They all spoke extremely well and were wonderful ambassadors for Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Congratulations to Jessica Ewert for being awarded the overall winner and she was presented with the John Cadzow Memorial Award, which will be proudly displayed in the school Administration Office. Jessica will now represent the Lion's Club of Bacchus Marsh at the Zone Final to be held in Sunbury in the upcoming weeks and we wish her every success.



Debra Ogston

Head of Senior School - Years 9 to 12 Programme

CAREERS NEWS

All Senior School Students have been emailed the first BMG Careers Newsletter for the year. Parents may also access this bi-termly newsletter on the School website www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Alice Wu-Tollis

Careers & Course Counselling: Practitioner

LOTE NEWS



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

BMG has visiting French and Japanese students coming in Term 3.

The French students are here from the **15 July through to 2 August.**

The Japanese students are here from **29 July through to 11 August.**

The LOTE Department are seeking the support of approximately twenty families from Bacchus Marsh Grammar community to host our overseas visitors. The students are aged between fourteen and sixteen and visiting Australia with the aim to improve their English and experience life with an Australian family. I would encourage all BMG families across the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools to consider hosting an international visitor.

This is a wonderful opportunity and experience for your family and a great way for your children to learn about another country and culture.

If you are able to help by hosting a student, or would like to enquire further, please e-mail me on:

erhardt@bmg.vic.edu.au

Fiona Erhardt

Learning Area Coordinator: LOTE

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS 7-12 NEWS

ICCES Swimming / Badminton and Table Tennis

A reminder the ICCES Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday March 7 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Events starting at 12.30pm and concluding at 4.00pm.

In addition to the ICCES Swimming Carnival on the 7 March ICCES will also host a Badminton and Table Tennis event.

A reminder to all athletes chosen in teams to return their permission notices ASAP. If your notice has been misplaced you can visit the parent portal to print additional copies.

National Selection for Ronan Keleher

Taekwondo athlete Ronan Keleher- FedUni WestVic Academy BMG Elite Sport scholarship holder recently competed at the Australian Institute of Sport Combat Centre in Canberra for Australian National Team selection. Ronan competed in the Under 51kg Male Black Belt Division and won GOLD securing him National Team honors.

Ronan will now compete at the European Presidents Cup later in the year for Australia. Certainly an outstanding performance by a fine young athlete.

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following student who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

Zali Ward Year 9 - FedUni WestVic Academy/ BMG Elite Sport scholarship holder has been selected to represent **Victoria** at the upcoming Under 15 National Championships in Wollongong from 18th - 27th April. Zali has also been a member of the Victorian Hockey Academy and has been training hard with the squad prior to State selection. Once again congratulations to all on a great week for BMG Mustangs in Sport!

Andrew Perks

Director of Sport

SRC NEWS

BMG Easter Raffle 2018

The Junior and Senior School SRC (*Student Representative Council*) are again jointly holding an Easter Raffle as the main fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to charity chosen by the SRC groups.

The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with donations of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to the Administration Office marked **SRC RAFFLE**.

A booklet of 10 tickets will sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by Monday 19 March 2017. Ticket butts need to **include a name and contact number written clearly.**

Prizes will be drawn at school on **Monday 26 March** and winners will be notified.

The prizes being raffled are:

Baskets of Easter Eggs

Thank you to the school community for your support of the SRC raffle.



POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS

Positive Parenting – please refer to the attached article

Veronica Johnston

HOSPITALITY NEWS

Join Us for High Tea at BMG



BMG VET Hospitality students are hosting a series of High Teas on nominated Wednesdays in the coming weeks. Students and staff wish to invite the BMG and wider community to participate in as part of their VET program assessments.

Bookings and payments are to be made online via the Schools website using Trybooking. <http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/>

All funds raised will support charity. Ticket pricing includes a variety of hot beverages and finger food. *A thirty-cent booking service fee will apply to each ticket.

Tickets Adult/Concession - \$10.00

Child 2-5 years - \$5.00

Children under 2 years - no charge (*Limited Highchairs available*)

Please note: due to the size of the venue and safety we would like to advise pram access is not available.

The High teas will be held on the following Wednesdays from **12.00pm – 1.00pm**

Wednesday 28 February - Floral theme

Wednesday 7 March - Vintage theme

Wednesday 14 March - Chocolate theme

Wednesday 21 March – Black and White Theme

- Places are strictly limited to 30 people per High Tea.
- The Booking window for the first High Tea will open on Friday 23 February at 9.00am.

BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2019 NEWS

Scholarship Program 2019

Bacchus Marsh Grammar are pleased to invite applications for the following Scholarships:

Year 7 2019

- 1 van den Hende Family Scholarship – 100% for 6 years. This Scholarship is only available to current Year 6 2018 students at BMG.
- 3 Full (100%) Academic Scholarships (John Leaver Scholars) – 100% for 6 years open to current BMG students and external Year 6 2018 students.

Year 9 2019

- 2 van den Hende Family Scholarships (100%) to be awarded. One of which, will be Awarded to a current Year 8 2018 Bacchus Marsh Grammar student and one to an external Year 8 2018 student.

Access Scholarships

(open for current and new students Year 7 to Year 12 2019)

- 3 Full (100%) Access Scholarships
The Access Scholarship is available to enable students who would otherwise not attend Bacchus Marsh Grammar the opportunity to attend on a Full Scholarship. **Parents or students must be in receipt of a current Health Care Card to qualify for an Access Scholarship.**

Indigenous Scholarship

(open for current and new students Year 7 to Year 12 2019)

- 1 Full (100%) Indigenous Scholarship
To apply for an Indigenous Scholarship the following is required:
- **A copy of the applicant's Confirmation of Aboriginality document**

Scholarship holders are expected to remain at Bacchus Marsh Grammar for the duration of their education up to, and including Year 12.

To Apply for one of the above Scholarships, please download an Application Form from the school's website:
[http://bmg.vic.edu.au/uploads/ppage/files/2019%20Scholarship%20Application%20Form\(1\).pdf](http://bmg.vic.edu.au/uploads/ppage/files/2019%20Scholarship%20Application%20Form(1).pdf)

and return it to the School with payment of \$100.00. Paper copies of the Application Form are also available from Reception.

Closing Date: 12 April 2018

Cost: \$100

Testing will be held on Saturday 21 April 2018

Further details about Scholarship testing will be sent to registered candidates prior to the testing day

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to arrange an interview with the Principal
All other applicants will be contacted

For further information regarding the 2019 Scholarship Program please contact the Principal's Executive Assistant Mrs Michelle Graham on 5366 4800 or school@bmg.vic.edu.au

GENERAL INFORMATION NEWS

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:

- [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.

LEARNING HUB – STUDENTS PREP RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 NEWS

The Learning Hub - 0408 548 058
The Sport Hub - 0428 315 081
hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

HEALTH CENTRE
 The Health Centre is open between 8:30am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday. The direct phone number for the Health Centre is: **5366 4873.**

BUS NEWS

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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](#)



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



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

Positive Parenting News - Veronica Johnston

Last week we introduced you to the theme of encouragement to help manage misbehaviour from discouraged children. This week we explore 4 coded messages behind a child's misbehaviour. Generally it is "I am a child and I want to belong", however, below are some other messages children might be sending, along with some indicators for us as adults and some possible corrective measures.

The child's goal is to:	If the parent feels:	If the parent tends to respond by:	If the child's response is to:	The belief behind the child's behaviour is:	What the child needs and what you can offer:
Undue Attention (to keep others busy with him/her)	Annoyed Irritated Worried Guilty	Reminding Coaxing Doing things for the child, he/she could do for themselves	Stop temporarily, but later resume the same or another disruptive behaviour	"I belong only when I am being noticed" "I'm important only when I'm keeping you busy with me"	Notice me-Involve me Redirect by involving child in a useful task. Say things like "I care about you, and I will spend time with you later". Say it only once, then act. Plan special time. Set up routines. Have family meetings. Set up non-verbal signals.
Misguided Power (to be the boss and in control)	Provoked Challenged Threatened Defeated	Fighting Giving in Thinking, "You can't get away with it" or "I'll make you behave" Wanting to be right	Intensify behaviour Comply defiantly Feel that he/she has won when parent gets upset Exercise passive power	"I belong only when I'm in control" "I need to prove that nobody can boss me" "You can't make me"	Let me help-give me choices Ask the child for his/her help but acknowledge that you can't make them. Offer limited choices. Withdraw from conflict and calm down. Be firm and kind. Act, don't talk. Establish routines. Involve the child in setting reasonable limits. Follow through on agreement. Use family meetings.

The child's goal is to:	If the parent feels:	If the parent tends to respond by:	If the child's response is to:	The belief behind the child's behaviour is:	What the child needs and what you can offer:
Revenge (to get even)	Hurt Disappointed Disbelieving Disgusted	Retaliating Getting even Thinking, "How could you do this to me?"	Retaliate Hurt others Damage property Get even Escalate the behaviour	"I don't think I belong so I'll make others hurt like I do" "I can't be liked or loved"	I'm hurting-validate my feelings. Deal with the hurt feelings. Say things like "Your behaviour tells me you must feel hurt. Can we talk about it?" Use reflective listening i.e. "It sounds like..." Don't take behaviour personally. Share your feelings. Apologise. Avoid punishment and retaliation. Encourage strengths. Use family meetings.
Assumed Inadequacy (to give up and be left alone)	Despair Hopeless Helpless Inadequate	Giving up Doing the child's tasks Over-helping Showing discouragement	Retreat further Be passive No Improvement No response	"I don't believe I can belong, so I'll convince others not to expect anything of me." I'm helpless and incapable; it's no use	Don't give up on me-show me a small step. Make tasks easier until the child experiences success. Provide appropriate support/assistance. Show faith. Encourage any positive attempt, no matter how small. Don't give up. Enjoy working with them. Use family meetings. Encourage! Encourage!

Adapted from: Nelsen, J., Escobar, L., Ortolano, K., Duffy, R., & Owen-Sohocki, D. (2001). *Positive Discipline: A Teacher's A-Z Guide*. New York, USA: Three Rivers Press.

Melton City Council

Parenting Program



- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choice model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

WHEN: Tuesday 6th, 13th & 20th of March

TIME: 10.15am to 12.15pm

WHERE: Arnolds Creek Children's & Community Centre

19 Claret Ash Boulevard, Harkness 3337

COST: Free

RSVP: Melton City Council Family Services

E: joanneh@melton.vic.gov.au

P: 9747 7200

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Don't miss out!

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