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## Key Upcoming DATES

9 Mar	Prep Teddy Bears Picnic - Incursion
12 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday - <b>No School</b>
13-16 Mar	International Week
13 Mar	Year 2 Incursion – Aussie Allsorts
14 Mar	Years 7-12 House Javelin
14 Mar	Drama 1 Class Excursion – <i>Malthouse Southbank</i>
14 Mar	High Tea @ BMG – <b>12.00pm Bookings essential</b>
15 Mar	Years 3-6 Division Swimming - <i>selected students</i>
20 Mar	Units 3&4 Australian History Excursion
20 Mar	Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
21 Mar	Years 3-6 House Athletics
21 Mar	High Tea @ BMG – <b>12.00pm Bookings essential</b>
22 Mar	Years 7-12 Athletics - <i>Werribee</i>
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 – <i>selected students</i>
28 Mar	Prep Rec – Year 6 Assembly – <i>Gym 9.00am</i>
29 Mar	Prep Rec – Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
29 Mar	Prep – Year 4 Craft Morning
29 Mar	End of Term 1



**FROM THE SENIOR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
Mr Kevin Richardson**

## SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOUR

I must remind students that travelling on the school bus is a service provided by Bacchus Marsh Grammar and each student's place on the bus comes with some expectations.



**Students should always travel in a safe and courteous manner.** Being well behaved on the bus encourages a safe environment for all passengers and allows the bus driver to go about his/her job with a minimum of STRESS. Being loud, throwing objects, teasing others, vandalism, graffiti, etc..... is not being well behaved and students committing these offences will be dealt with accordingly. **Students who are unable to behave in a safe and courteous manner will place their position on the school bus in jeopardy.** Please remind your son/daughter of their obligations whilst travelling on the school buses.



## 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](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au).

For further information, contact the Principal's Assistant on 5366 4800.

All Year 12 students (School Leaders by virtue of being Year 12) have been appointed as bus captains to monitor student's behaviour. The bus captains' role is to be a point of contact for Junior School students who are having difficulties and act as role models for all students travelling on the busses.

**Parents are not to make contact with the bus captains or the bus drivers.** Concerns regarding your child travelling on the school bus are to be forwarded to the school's bus coordinator or myself [Mr. Richardson].

I would also ask that parents be mindful of their responsibilities when delivering their children to the bus stops. Parents must:

- Not obstruct driveways of houses in the surrounding streets of the bus stop.
- Park in a manner that is not obstructing the pathway of the busses in and out of the bus stop and other traffic.
- Ensure that your child approaches the bus in a safe manner, crossing the roads and streets, being mindful of the oncoming traffic.
- Be at the bus stop 3 – 5 minutes prior to the departure and arrival times in preparation for getting on the bus and collection from the bus.
- Not arrive at the bus stop on or after the scheduled departure and arrival times.
- Not approach the bus driver
- Not approach other students on the bus
- Report concerns directly to the school.

Please refer to the school website in relation to the "Student Bus Travel Code of Conduct" and bus routes and timetables. These documents are currently located under the ENROLMENTS > Transport link on the school website.

**Kevin Richardson**

Senior Deputy Principal



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

#### **Prep Teddy Bears' Picnic**

The Preps will be bringing their favourite teddy bear to spend the day with them at school on Friday 9 March. All Prep students will be involved in a number of fun learning-based activities that involve them using their teddy bears. I am sure it will be an exciting and fun day for the students and their favourite cuddly bear.

#### **Prep – Year 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

This week the Prep – Year 6 Teachers held Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 March. These interviews give parents a chance to meet their child's main teachers and find out how the child has settled into their new year level at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. It is also an opportunity

for parents to provide the teachers with information about their child and give some feedback as to how their child is coping with things like homework, friendships etc. Please feel free to make a time with your child's class teacher outside of these two nights if you have other things to discuss.

#### **Prep Nurse**

Prep nurse visits have begun. All Prep students will see the visiting nurse over the coming weeks.

#### **Prep Easter Hat Parade and Prep – Year 2 Easter Craft Morning**

Some advance notice for parents of Year Prep students to start thinking about using their creative skills to design and make a marvellous Easter Hat with your child. On Thursday the 29 March all Year Prep students will parade their hats to the Year One and Year Two students. At the conclusion of the parade, all students in Prep – Year 2 will take part in an Easter Craft Morning. All parents are invited to join in and have some fun being 'crafty'.

#### **Year Four Local Government Incursion**

On Thursday the 8 March the members of the Moorabool Shire Council will visit the school to speak with our Year 4 students. They will spend time speaking about local government and the role it plays within our community. This will help students in their understanding of their unit on Local Government within their History and Geography this term.

#### **Year Two Incursion**

All Year 2 classes will be involved in an incursion on Tuesday the 13 March as part of their study on My Town, My State and My Country. To further their learning they will be participating in an incursion called Aussie Allsorts. This will look at exploring significance of history, people, groups and events in the development of Australia and recognising, appreciating and accepting the different cultures that make up Australia today.

#### **Jan Loftus**

Head of Junior School - Years 1 to 4 Programme

### **INTERNATIONAL WEEK NEWS**

#### **International Week 13– 16 March**

There has been an overwhelming response to our International Food Day. Your support to help fundraise for our sister school in Nepal has been amazing.

All of the items on the 'Special International Day Food' have sold out, we thank you for your support of our Senior Students who have been given the opportunity to prepare food for the day, hence the reason for the limited items.

Additional items will now be available from the School Canteen and may be ordered up to fourteen days in advance through the regular Canteen online Qkr menu. ***(you must***

ensure you select **Tuesday 13 March** as the app defaults to the current date)

- Nachos
- Hot dogs
- Pizza – Hawaiian
- Pizza – Margarita
- Fried Rice

From the 13, 14 & 15 March the Canteen will also have a variety of foods on offer to purchase **over the counter** including:

- Bratwurst sausage in a roll
- Chicken or Vegetable Curry with Rice
- Chicken Souvlaki
- Sushi
- Croissants
- Scones with Jam and Cream
- Eskimo Lolly slice.

Canteen Management have kindly agreed to contribute to the fundraising for our sister school in Nepal for the above items.

We thank you again for your support of our fundraising and look forward to a week of specially planned lunchtime activities for your children to be involved in.

Thank you in advance for your support.  
**The Junior and Senior LOTE Teams**

## **POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS**

### **Positive Tools For Getting Your Kids To Listen**

#### Positive Labels

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

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

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

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

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

### **Veronica Johnston**



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

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Year 5 to 7 Parent Teacher Interviews are being held this week from March 6 to 8. This is a great opportunity to work in tandem with your child's teacher to support their learning and growth as a person. Remember that if you wish to discuss in more detail than time permits about your child's academic progress you can always email or make contact via phone with the teacher.

To support your child's continued success the Middle School has organised an expert guest presenter to offer a parent workshop on study skills on the evening of March 28 from 6:30pm. Details about this event will be given to you child in the coming weeks.

### **Before School Reading Program**

This unique whole school program provides Middle School students with a chance to support the reading skills of Primary School students throughout the year. This program operates daily before school from 8:30 and is a rewarding experience for all students to give back to the school community.

### **Homework**

Homework is an expectation at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. In Years 5 and 6 it takes on a variety of forms, however, reading and spelling are a nightly expectation. The amount of homework varies with the age of your child. Homework is given Monday through to Thursday and is linked to curriculum content and skills; however, there are times when some

children will be expected to complete unfinished class work at home on the weekends.

In Years 7 and 8 it is an expectation that students receive homework from all of their subjects once a week. Students are required to manage their time throughout the week and weekend to complete these homework tasks prior to the due date. The homework is linked to content and skills taught in class.

**Dean Peplinkhouse**

Head of Middle School - Years 5 to 8 Programme

**Individual Sporting Achievement NEWS**

**Individual Sporting achievements**

Congratulations to Jai Copland who recently travelled to Canberra and competed at the ACT BMX Titles. Jai competed against tough competition. Jai raced his cruiser and made it through to the final and finished fourth giving him a 4ACT title plate. The following day Jai raced his twenty inch BMX and also made it through the semis and into the final finishing 6<sup>th</sup>, giving him a 6ACT title plate.



Jai will compete in the Aussie nationals, which are being held in Bunbury WA in two weeks. Jai will have the opportunity to race against the best kids in Australia.

Congratulations and good luck to Jai and his supportive family.



**Rachel McMahon**

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

**WOODLEA – YEAR 5 LEADERS NEWS**

BMG would like to formally congratulate the following students on their successful applications as Woodlea Student Leaders for the 2018 school year;

**Thomas Fowler**  
**Bailey Bermingham**  
**Awande Masuku**

**Emily Slimmon**  
**Aathanah Akilan**  
**Hunnardeep Sandhu**

We look forward to the leadership development of these students throughout 2018. These students are already hard at work on behalf of all Woodlea Campus student members and cohorts. They are currently working with the Year Six Maddingley SRC leaders, assisting with the Easter Raffle, participating in the Coles School for Sports Program and planning the implementation of their own initiatives.

On behalf of myself and the other teachers involved in the process, we would just like to thank all the applicants for their hard work and determination.

**Luke Symes**

Woodlea Student Coordinator



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

**Lions Youth of the Year**

Bacchus Marsh Lions Youth of the Year Award winner, school captain Jessica Ewert, has continued her run of success, being named the Zone Finals Winner on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Lions event in Sunbury. Jessica impressed the judges throughout her interview and again delivered a well-rehearsed speech. Contestants were also required to answer the following impromptu questions.

1. Does the media and social media control how we think?
2. My biggest concern for the future is .....

Jessica will now compete at the Regional Finals to be held in Bendigo later this month.

We wish her well.

**House Leaders**

At Assembly on Monday, the House Leadership Groups were presented to the school community. Student received a leadership tie to wear with the winter uniform. Term 1 presents as a busy term for House activities with House Swimming and Athletics, and our leaders have been working hard with their respective House coordinators to make these activities run as smoothly as possible. Congratulations to all.

## Bacchus

**House Prefect** – Cooper Stevanov

**Leadership Group**

Jack Archer	Emily Powell
Nathan Havard	Abbey Knight
Emilee Jagos	Jye Spiteri
Rachel Jackson	Abbey Richmond
Tanisha Mercieca`	Mitchell Havard
Mirko Latinovic	Yianna Ross
Angelique Ross	Madelyn Ewert

## Braeside

**House Prefect** – Olivia Peterson

**Leadership Group**

Tanai Newman-Coverdale	Hayley Dangerfield
Joshua Gerolemou	Chloe Sinclair
Jack Mutsaerts	Nikita Wright
Amber Eden-Jones	Gemma Dangerfield
Carla Rubino	Govind Suseel

## Hilton

**House Prefect** – Mel Freeman

**Leadership Group**

Matt Micevski	Elexis Chapman
Melia Savona	Jed Evans
Jack Harbison	Tylah Wright
Alana Taylor	Eden Noonan
Jacob Attard	Zali Ward
Claire Newcombe	

## Pentland

**House Prefect** – Ben De Bortoli

**Leadership Group**

Kira Findlay	Carla Noach
Teodora Karlica	Lauren Shankland
Connor Poulton	Ella Cook
Bryce Stevenson	Jamie Patterson
Jamiele Cabato	Stevan Deris
Helayna Braiden	Darcie Botes

**Debra Ogston**

Head of Senior School - Years 9 to 12 Programme

## EQUESTRIAN TEAM

### NEWS

March 4 saw Bacchus Marsh Grammar's Inter School Equestrian team compete in Assumption College's Dressage Day. Werribee put on lovely weather, in which all five BMG riders were able to have lots of fun competing for the school.

Well done to Kane Radburn - who I am sure had lots of fun on Jacko, Benjamin Peterson who had a very exciting adventure in Werribee Park's indoor arena on Oakey and Grace Riddell riding the very lovely CJ Park Speilberg.

Special congratulations goes to Chanel Radburn riding two horses, Cinderella and Harry, in a total of five tests, and taking out two first places on Cinderella and the overall champion for Preliminary Intermediate level. I would also like comment on how good my horse Jason did, riding one of the most relaxed test he has ever done, he sure does know when to put on his competition face.

Overall Bacchus Marsh Grammar placed 12th, out of a total of 58 schools. Finally, a very big thanks to the parent support all the BMG riders certainly felt on the day.

**Olivia Peterson**

Prefect



### **Djerriwarrh Health Services Longest Lunch**

Congratulations to the Senior Hospitality students and staff who once again assisted the annual Bacchus Marsh Longest Lunch. Annually the event is held at The Plough Hotel in Myrniong. The students get a real sense of what hospitality is all about and were thanked by the guests with a round of applause as they headed back to school after a very busy lunch service.

Thank you Jai Pilbeam for taking photos of the event.

### **Laura Edwards**



Our exchange programs are an important part of our trips to Japan and France in the Senior School. Our students who attend these trips have the opportunity to spend time in a host family and absorb the culture and way of life for young people while being looked after by students and parents at our sister-schools.

Thank you to those families who have offered to host our visiting students in Term 3, who are coming from France and Japan.

We still need host families for four French boys arriving on the 15 July for two and a half weeks.

We also need more host families for Japanese students arriving on the 29 July for two weeks.

Please e-mail me at [erhardt@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:erhardt@bmg.vic.edu.au) if you can help out. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to make overseas connections and learn about students from another country and culture.

### **Fiona Erhardt**

Learning Area Coordinator: LOTE

### **BMG Easter Raffle 2018**

Thank you for the incredible support to date with egg donations and returned raffle tickets.

Donations, 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.



## **Join Us for High Tea at BMG**

Bookings and payments are to be made online via the Schools website.

<http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/news/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=217>

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

**Wednesday 14 March - Chocolate theme**  
**Wednesday 21 March – Black and White Theme**

• Places are strictly limited to 30 people per High Tea.

**BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2019 NEWS**

**Scholarship Program 2019**

The 2019 Bacchus Marsh Grammar Program is now open. Visit the schools website for more information and an application form.

<http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/enrolments/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=124>

**Closing Date: 12 April 2018**

**BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR 2019 PREP RECEPTION AND PREP ENROLMENT PROCESS**

**2019 Prep Reception & Prep Enrolment Process**

The 2019 Enrolment process for Prep Reception and Prep entry is about to commence.

Any **new families** who have lodged a Registration of Interest for Prep Reception and Prep entry for 2019 – interviews will be held on **Saturday 5 May**.

Any **current BMG families** who have lodged a Registration of Interest for Prep Reception and Prep entry for 2019 - interviews to be conducted from **Monday 30 April to Thursday 3 May**.

CLOSING DATE FOR PREP RECEPTION AND PREP 2019 APPLICATIONS IS **THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2018**.

**Shona Hiscock**  
School Registrar

**Regular Contacts and Information**

**Absentee Line - 5366 4888**

**Health Centre direct number - 5366 4873.**

**The Learning Hub - 0408 548 058**

**The Sport Hub - 0428 315 081**

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

**Senior School After School Classes**

**Tuesdays – English (NBlock) and Science (Room01)**

**Thursday – Mathematics (MBlock)**

**TRANSPORT NEWS**

**V/Line Maintenance Works**

V/Line services on the Ballarat Line will be suspended on Friday due to maintenance works and replacement buses will be supplied. Regrettably, in the mornings the replacement bus service will arrive later than the normal train service. The bus service is expected to arrive at the Bacchus Marsh train station at 8.50am.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**



Bacchus Marsh Grammar is registered for the Coles Sports for Schools programme. A collection box is located at the Bacchus Marsh COLES store or you may bring them to school and place them in the collection box located in reception.

THANK YOU

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**On Campus Uniform Shop**  
**Holiday Hours**

Last day of Term One  
Wednesday 28 March 8 - 12

Open  
Wednesday 11 April 10 - 2  
Friday 13 April 10 - 2

First Day of Term Two  
Monday 16 April 12.30 - 4.30



**"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)