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**FROM THE  
PRINCIPAL**

This week has been a significant one in a number of areas of school life. The variety of these illustrate the richness and diversity of activities that occur at the school.

Lou Callow coordinated and presented an impressive section of work at the Ballarat White Night event. The school has been extremely fortunate to have Lou teaching and influencing our students. It was wonderful to see the creativity that we see around us every day being made available to the broader public.

On Monday the school hosted a group of VESS Chaplains and Welfare Coordinators to the school to hear a presentation by Mark Purser, the Chaplain to the Essendon Football Club. He was also able to speak more broadly with a range of our students in relation to his experiences dealing with a variety of issues at the club. I would like to thank Mrs Sarah Hunter for organising this event and the life she is breathing into developing a range of wellbeing, social justice and broadly spiritual programs.

The event that Sarah organised was occurring whilst I was at a Victorian Ecumenical Schools strategic meeting. Many of the representatives of the other fifteen schools were appreciative of Sarah and the School's work in this area.

During last week we celebrated International Week. It was wonderful to see so many students so well turned-out in their national dress. I would like to thank Jacinta Davie and Fiona Erhardt for all the work involved in organising the week and the students for being so willing to embrace the program.

**Andrew A Neal**  
Principal



## 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).

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

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

### Key Upcoming DATES

22 Mar	Years 7-12 Athletics – <i>Werribee</i>
23 Mar	VCE Environmental Science – <i>Serendip Sanctuary</i>
23 Mar	Year 12 Media - <i>ACMI Federation Square</i>
26-29 Mar	Year 9A,B,C Duke of Edinburgh Camp
26 Mar	National Young Leaders Day – <i>selected students</i>
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>
28 Mar	Year 7 Study Skills Evening – <i>X6 &amp; X7 6.30pm</i>
29 Mar	Prep Rec – Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
29 Mar	Prep – Year 2 Craft Morning
<b>29 Mar</b>	<b>End of Term 1 – No Sports Hub Operating Earlier finish times JS -2.05pm, SS – 2.15pm Buses will coincide with the early finish times.</b>
16 Apr	Term 2 Commences for all Students and Staff
19 Apr	Interschool Chess Competition

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### Reminder to all Families

End of Term 1 is Thursday 29 March

Earlier finish times for Prep Reception to Year 6 Students is -  
2.05pm and students in years 7-12 will finish at 2.15pm.

Buses will coincide with the early finish times.

**2019 Prep Reception & Prep Enrolment Closing Date**

Registrations of Interest for Enrolment for both Prep Reception and Prep entry in 2019 will close on **Thursday 29 March**.

Any **new families** who have lodged a Registration of Interest for Prep Reception and Prep entry for 2019 will be contacted in the coming weeks, regarding interviews to be conducted on **Saturday 5 May**.

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

Please note any current families or new families seeking entry for their child into Prep Reception or Prep for 2019 and have not at this stage registered their interest for their child, we would suggest that you seek to do this as a matter of urgency. Please visit the Bacchus Marsh Grammar website [www.bmg.vic.edu](http://www.bmg.vic.edu) to print off a Registration of Interest Form for your child under the "Enrolments made Easy" Tab.

<http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/enrolments/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=231>

**Shona Hiscock**  
School Registrar

**SCHOOL PHOTOS -Term 2 2018**

**2018 School Photos will be taken during Term 2 on the following dates:**

**Years 7-12**

**Tuesday 22 May and Wednesday 23 May**

**Prep Reception – Year 6**

**Tuesday 5 June and Wednesday 6 June**

*More information will be circulated to families early in Term 2.*



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

**WEST MELTON & KURUNJANG PTV SCHOOL BUS SERVICES**

Public Transport Victoria provide a bus service for students to travel from home to school and school to home. These services are available for eligible students at concession fares.

The West Melton and Kurunjang School buses are part of this system along with a number of other PTV bus that transport students to and from Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

PTV is working towards installing seatbelts on all dedicated school buses to further improve the safety of students when travelling to school. Whilst this is a significant safety feature, this places a limit on how many students are able to board the bus. At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Primary age students are seated on all buses first, then Secondary age students are permitted to board. If the bus becomes full, Bacchus Marsh Grammar will endeavour to make alternative arrangements for students to **travel home**.

One of the main issues leading to the overcrowding of the PTV buses, is students who are not regular PTV travellers and are attempting to use this service to get to their:

1. Friend's place
2. Local Gymnasium for a "workout"
3. Shopping at Woodgrove Shopping Centre
4. Sports training
5. Part time employment
6. Other

The purpose of School Buses is to enable students to travel from their homes to school and return from school to their homes. Students who are attempting to use the school bus service for purposes other than this will be last to board the bus.

**SCHOOL COLOURS**

Congratulations to the following students from the Senior School who were awarded their school colours pockets and braiding at Monday's assembly.

**School Colours**

Alejandra Camacho Year 10  
Caelin Currie Year 10  
Grace Fisher Year 10  
Mackenzie Kelly Year 10

**Double School Colours**

Grace Fisher Year 10

Thank you to all students who willingly participate in school events and represent the school in a respectful and admirable manner.

**Mr Kevin Richardson**  
Senior Deputy Principal



**FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
**Prep Reception to Year 4 Programme**

**Prep and Prep Reception Easter Hat Parade and Prep Rec – Year 2 Easter Craft Morning**

A reminder for parents of Year Prep students next Thursday 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 Reception – Year 2 will take part in an

Easter Craft Morning. All parents are invited to join in and have some fun being 'crafty'.

### Jan Loftus

Head of Junior School – Prep Reception to Year 4 Programme

## LEARNING HUB NEWS

### Sports Hub and Learning Hub

**Please note** Sports Hub will not run on Thursday 29 March the last day of Term 1 due to the earlier school finish time however, Learning will still be operating and will run from 2.05pm on that day.

## POSITIVE PARENTING NEWS

### The Power of Positive Reinforcement

**How positive reinforcement works.** Positive reinforcement is based on a simple scientific fact: Behaviour that is reinforced tends to be repeated, while behaviour that is not reinforced tends to fall away. Positive reinforcement is one of those practical parenting strategies that makes complete sense. For one thing, positive reinforcement works to modify behaviour. For another, it encourages appropriate behaviour, while at the same time providing us as parents with the opportunity to address inappropriate behaviour. There are consequences for all behaviour and when appropriate behaviour is reinforced, it stands to reason that kids will see less reason to exhibit inappropriate behaviour. By the same token when negative behaviour results in negative consequences, kids will hopefully (if not eventually) work out for themselves that it's not worth repeating the same exercise that landed them in trouble the first (or second) time around.

**One other very important point to keep in mind.** When we pay attention to our children's negative behaviour by giving them our attention, a lecture or a stern look, we can actually be reinforcing the negative behaviour, rather than a positive behaviour. So, put most of your positive reinforcement including your attention and emotional energy into reinforcing your children's positive behaviours.

**Building kids up.** Outcomes from positive reinforcement not only help to modify behaviour, they also help to build kids up. When our kids are given a high five, thumbs up, offered praise for doing a good job, given a pat on the back or told how proud of them we are, they experience feelings of satisfaction and confidence. Positive reinforcement tells kids that they are giving this tricky job of being a kid their best shot – that they're trying their best, maybe falling down on the job some days, but succeeding on others. They know their efforts are valued and appreciated, and they will keep returning to work because there is motivation to do so.

**Overdoing it.** Overdoing positive reinforcement does not work. Kids are the first to recognise false praise or constant

praise when praise is not warranted. The work of kids includes tidying up, putting things back where they belong, feeding pets, doing homework and being ready for school on time. These jobs do not require any tangible rewards or extra privileges other than a 'thank you' or 'well done' from parents when kids complete a chore or respond to a request. Similarly with negative, attention-seeking behaviour, ignoring the behaviour and not indulging the child by giving in, is less likely to reinforce it.

### Ways to praise and reinforce behaviour

- Catch kids in the act. Praise cooperation, teamwork, patience, tolerance, sharing.
- Give praise when you are alongside a child. Make eye contact, and ensure your child can hear you.
- Be sincere and be specific. Let kids know exactly what you are praising them for.
- Praise does not always have to be verbal. A hug, wink, smile or a pat on the back are just as effective.
- Praise often, appropriately and consistently.
- Reinforce positive behaviour with privileges and tangible rewards when appropriate.
- Praise effort, hard work and perseverance.
- Let kids hear you praise them to other people and family members.

**Summary.** The more often and the more consistently we apply positive reinforcement to our kids' behaviour, the more likely they are to repeat behaviours that attract a positive response from us. Teachable moments happen every day with kids, and positive reinforcement is right up there in teaching kids how to feel good about themselves. Praise and reinforcement from us encourages and motivates them to want to make the most of their talents, learning and opportunities.

Source: <https://youcandoitparents.com.au/blog/whats-the-secret-for-teaching-children-to-behave-the-power-of-positive-reinforcement/>

Veronica Johnston

## PREP – YEAR 6 LIBRARY NEWS



### Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Bacchus Marsh Grammar is excited to be participating. Notes have gone home this week to all parents of P-6 students.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 will read or 'experience' 30 books with their teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the form and return it to school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

#### **Feona West**

Head of Junior School Library

### **Individual Sporting Achievement NEWS**

Congratulations to Justin Robins for a great result at the Victorian Karate Championships held earlier this month. Justin won a silver medal for his age and weight category. Well done.

#### **Rachel McMahon**

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



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

#### **Year 7 Study Skills – Workshop for students (Wednesday 28 March)**

Beginning secondary schooling in Year 7 can sometimes be a difficult task for your child to navigate. To assist the transition by understanding the demands of different subjects, coping with additional homework and studying for assessments all Year 7 students will attend a Study Skills Workshop run by Success Integrated during class time on Wednesday the 28 March.

This interactive workshop is aimed to give them strategies and tools to use as they progress through their schooling.

#### **Year 7 Study Skills – Information Seminar for Parents (6:30 to 8:00pm on Wednesday 28 March)**

As part of the Study Skills Workshop a parent workshop will also be offered from 6:30pm to 8:00pm for all parents of Year 7 students. Within this workshop you will be exposed to effective techniques used to help your child study, manage their homework commitments and prepare for assessments. An information letter regarding the Study Skills – Parent Workshop has been sent home with your child. Please return the attendance slip if you are interested in attending.

#### **Year 6 – Young Leaders Day**

As part of the leadership program in Year 6 a select group of leaders have been invited to attend the Young Leaders Day Conference on Monday 26 March. I wish them all the best in this official representative role and hope they return inspired and filled with many new ideas. All leaders will be supervised by Mr McLaughlin and Mrs Stephens on the day.

#### **Dean Peplinkhouse**

Head of Middle School - Years 5 to 8 Programme

### **7-12 SPORTS NEWS**

#### **Staughton Vale**

The Staughton Vale Middle Years Program is well underway for 2018 with all students in Year 6 and Year 8 having experienced two full days at the farm this term. Students have been enjoying the chance to explore and learn about the property. All students have been involved in a farm induction involving aspects of safety, farm skills and healthy food choices and are set to take in all of the wonderful learning opportunities that the farm has to offer.





The year 6 cohort have used their History and Geography sessions to explore the history of early settlement in Australia & the local area, discovering that it was a very different time back then. The science sessions have provided a chance to explore various leaf litter critters around the property and study the different anatomical features under microscope.



The Year 8 cohort have conducted scientific water samples from three of the different dams and completed an analysis of various measures of water quality. Through a geographical perspective they have looked at protecting significant environments through completing a range of skills involving weed identification, weed management & weed prevention practices.

Both years have been excited to get their hands a little dirty during the different farm based sessions and have had fun setting up a composting system, planted new vegetables and herbs in the vegetable patch, assisted with weed management in the native garden beds and harvesting various fruits and vegetables; including apricots, pears, peaches, tomatoes, silverbeet, beetroot & a number of different herbs.



The final experience of the term will see Year 6 travel to Serendip Sanctuary in Lara, to see some of the local wildlife up close and learn about protecting different ecosystems and endangered species with in the western plains region. Year 8 will visit the neighbouring Brisbane Ranges National Park and put their teamwork and leadership skills to the test, by completing the Anakie Gorge Bushwalk and discover the many geographical features of Anakie Gorge.

**Bryce Durham**  
Staughton Vale Coordinator



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

#### **Winter Uniform**

As Term 2 is fast approaching, families are reminded to start checking their child's winter uniform. Please ensure kilt length is at the knee and long sleeved shirts fit comfortably and have the correct BMG logo.

Winter uniform is compulsory in Term 2 and 3. In the case of any unseasonable weather, where the forecast is above 25 degrees, students may choose to wear their summer uniform for that day.

#### **Anoraks and VCE Cardigan**

A reminder that the BMG Anorak may be worn over the top of the blazer for added protection from the weather, but is not a replacement for the blazer.

It is great to see many of our VCE students wearing the VCE cardigan, however, students are reminded that this is not to be worn in place of the blazer to and from school.

#### **Year 9 and 10 Leadership Week**

Next week all Year 9 students will be involved in Leadership Week activities, ranging from camp, community service, careers and interviewing, guest speakers and more. Students are required to reflect on each session and document their thoughts in a portfolio, which will be presented in an interview in Year 10.

All Year 10 students will be involved in Leadership activities on Tuesday and Wednesday only.

**Debra Ogston**  
Head of Senior School - Years 9 to 12 Programme

Congratulations to **Russell Clark** who participated in the 2018 World's Greatest Shave. The aim of this event is to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Russell was cheered on and supported by staff and students on Monday during lunch. If you would like to contribute to Russell's fundraising tally click on the link below.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrator/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=710676>

Jai Pilbeam was on hand to help capture the great shave.



#### 7-12 SPORTS NEWS

##### VCE Physical Education Energy Systems Presentation

As part of the VCE Unit 3 and 4 Physical Education Program Dr Brenden O'Brien from Federation University will be conducting an after school lecture on Energy Systems to coincide with the appropriate Area of Study- Energy Systems, Physical Education VCE.

VCE Unit 3 and 4 PE students will attend the Lecture Theatre at Bacchus Marsh Grammar afterschool from 3.15am to 4.15am on the 28 March.

If you require any further information regarding this presentation please contact Mr. Stone before the day of the lecture.

**Brett Stone**

##### BMG Real Tennis Team

The Bacchus Marsh Grammar Real Tennis Team has grown over the past three years. Majority of the original team members have now finished their VCE studies signalling a time to rebuild. Hitting the court this week, the new look team had four hours to immerse themselves in the game. New players from a modern lawn tennis background quickly discovered that topspin gave your opponent an advantage.

The biggest skill challenge was becoming accustomed to the asymmetrical racquets and solid & not quite round balls. The session concluded with some excellent doubles games that assisted all in remembering the difference between the tambour, dedans, bandeau and a chase. The most impressive new player for the day was Caleb Noonan who won the "Better than half a yard" award. A special mention to Stuart Campbell who won the "grill shoot out" challenge.

The dedicated team will meet during the term break to participate in a special masterclass run by a Real Tennis Professional while HRH the Earl of Wessex, Prince Edward watches on. Prince Edward is visiting the Ballarat Real Tennis court as a Duke of Edinburgh Award initiative. The Earl of Wessex is aiming to play at every real tennis court in the world in 2018 as part of a Tennis Challenge, to raise funds that will allow more young people to get involved in the scheme. The BMG team will meet and discuss their involvement in Real Tennis and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The BMG Real Tennis team may be rebuilding, however, they have made a fantastic start to this season.

##### Rohan Bryan

Director of Projects / Head of Technology



#### SRC NEWS

The SRC will be holding the annual 7-12 Athletics Day BBQ on Thursday the 22 March at VUT Werribee. Prices will be as follows:

**Sausages: \$2 each**

**Veggie Burgers: \$4 each**

**Water/Soft Drinks: \$1 each**

All proceeds will go to Ladder, a charity that works closely with homeless youth in Melbourne to assist them in areas such as health and wellbeing, skills development, accommodation and education and employment.

Please come along with your gold coins and buy some lunch for a good cause!

#### **Marija Barallon**

Coordinator: SRC 7-12

#### **BMG Easter Raffle 2018**

Thank you for the incredible support to date with egg donations and returned raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the Senior School Assembly Monday 26 March. Good luck!

A huge thank you to Montana Green and her family for their very generous donation picture with Montana below.



#### **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) NEWS**

##### **Do you hold a valid means tested concession card or are you a temporary foster parent?**

If so, you may be eligible to receive the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

A further rebate will also be provided by the school.

If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Brown on 5366 4800.

#### 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)

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



Please note the School Holiday Soccer Clinic advertised in last week's newsletter has been cancelled.

#### **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)