



Annual General Meeting

All Parents are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting

When: Wednesday 31 October at 6:30-7:00pm (approximate)

Where: The John Leaver Gymnasium, Bacchus Marsh Grammar

A number of performances by Year 3, Year 4 and the Middle School Choir will be presented to the School Community after the formalities of the Annual General Meeting (traditionally the meeting will have concluded by 7:00pm). I encourage you all to support the school by attending the meeting (to ensure a quorum for the meeting to commence) and enjoy the student performances.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Association and notification of a resolution to change the underlying legal structure of the school from that of an Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee will be emailed to parents and a hard copy posted.

There has been significant publication of the proposed changes which has come after much thought by School Council. The change which will have no or, at most, an insignificant impact on the school's educational functions guarantee to parents that the school's business arrangements and accountability structures reflect the size of the school's current operations.

The proposed changes have been supported by three separate law firms (Macpherson+Kelly Lawyers Pty Ltd, Russell Kennedy Lawyers, Coulter Roache), the school's auditors (William Buck) and the school's bank (NAB). The structure that is proposed is one commonly used by independent schools similar in nature to this school.

I would urge your support of the proposed change and am more than happy to answer any queries that members may have in relation to the need for change or its detail.

Mr Andrew Neal - Principal

Student Performances

Years 3 and 4 and the Middle School Choir will be performing at the AGM on Wednesday 31 October. Students are to be dropped off at 6:15pm at the designated classrooms (refer to letter sent home). Parents are then asked to sign in to the AGM which will commence at 6:30pm in the John Leaver Gymnasium.

Students are able to wear either summer or winter uniform for the performances.

An update from the 'Gym' – Year 7-12

Mustangs win the ICCES Summer Competition

On a beautiful sunny day in Ballarat the BMG Mustangs hosted the ICCES Summer Cup Competition. The Ballarat City Council provided the ICCES organisation with outstanding venues with Cricket played at Victoria Park, Softball at Prince of Wales Park, Tennis at Hollioake Park, Volleyball at The Wendouree Indoor Netball Centre and Golf at The RACV Club Creswick.

Congratulations to the BMG combined Golf Team and Harvey Young (9D) "Best Score", the Year 7/8 Girls Softball Team and the 7/8 Boys Volleyball Teams that won their respective shield and competitions on the day. These wins along with a solid performance across all sports helped the BMG Mustangs come equal first along with Braemar College in the Aggregate Cup on the day.

Special thanks must go to the Ballarat Cricket Umpires Association for providing us with such high quality officials and to BMG Senior students Aidan Sadler 12C and Adele Wilson 12D who umpired the Softball Competition. Also, a huge thank you to all the BMG staff that not only coached but also convened at all venues during the day and to staff and students from all schools for making the day a huge success.

Aggregate results	
EQUAL 1st BMG and Braemar College	14 pts
3rd Goulburn Valley Grammar	12 pts
4th Ballarat Grammar	9 pts

Elite Sport Applications Year 9 and 10

Thank you to all students/ athletes that applied for the Elite Sporting Program Years 9 and 10. Information regarding successful candidates will be released within the next two weeks. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a place to all candidates. However, we encourage all athletes to continue to train hard and strive for success. The standard of applicants was extremely high once again with most athletes achieving either State or National representation within their chosen Sport.

Sportsready AFL Traineeship 2019

For the first time in 2019 Bacchus Marsh Grammar in conjunction with Sportsready AFL will offer three traineeships for students who have recently completed their VCE studies.

Traineeship locations:

- Two Traineeships will be at Maddingley Campus,
- One Traineeship will be at the Woodlea Campus.

About the program:

The trainees:

- will undergo this "Gap Year" and gain experience working with the Physical Education and Outdoor Environment staff, providing assistance to the Department in the planning and delivery of quality programs, sports carnivals, school camps, equipment management and general sports administration.
- will also complete vocational training through the AFL's Registered Training Program (either Certificate II, III, IV or Diploma Level in Sport and Recreation).

The application process:

The school invites current Year 12 students with a strong interest in Sport and Recreation, who have strong organisational skills, are able to work in a team, have good communication skills and enjoy working with a range of people to submit a current Curricula Vitae and a one page cover letter that explains why the candidate would like to apply for this year long position and specify their preferred campus.

Applications should be addressed to: Director of Sport - Mr Andrew Perks and received by 5pm on Tuesday 30 October.

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of Week 5 of this term. The [School's website](#) has all relevant details and position descriptions for the traineeship.

Any further enquiries are to be directed to Mr Perks.

In the meantime, train hard, get active and stay healthy!

Mr Andrew Perks – Director of Sport

Sport and Camp update – Prep to Year 6

Term 4 has certainly started off very busy for the Junior PE team with our Year 2 camps all being held in the first two weeks. There have been three Year 2 camps this term with all students and staff enjoying an adventurous time.

Students participated in a 3km hike into camp followed by archery, canoeing and survivor challenge activities. A night hike before bed ensured for a good night's sleep by all. Thanks to all the staff and students for such an amazing experience.

Our Regional Athletics team headed off to Keilor to represent the Western Rangers Division on 16 October. The team consisted of 17 members all of whom competed extremely well to get to this level. These students first competed at House level, then local BMPSSA Athletics in May and finally in Divisional level late last term before making it to the Regional level.

Our competitors were:

Lachlan	Bens	5A	Koby	Harris	6E
Ella	Birk	6D	Emmie	Morin	6D
Oscar	Burt	6E	Alyssa	Normington	5D
Edward	Conroy	5C	Marcus	Sfetcopoulos	5B
Zachary	Dalli	4A	Kobe	Shirra-Gibb	6D
Leon	Earnshaw	5C	Ethan	Stegehuis	5G
Mackenzie	Estlick	4D	Gabby	Villegas	5B
James	Farren	5C	Gemma	Welch	4A
Michael	Fragapane	5A			

Congratulations to all students that made it through to all the different events in Athletics from Junior and Middle School in 2018.

A special congratulations to Ella Birk 6D who will move on to representing BMG at a State level in the High Jump. Ella jumped a personal best of 1.47cm to win the event and earn herself a place in the State Final. A huge thankyou to Mr McLoughlin and Miss Majewski for coaching this team.

In addition to our Athletics finals we have two teams which have made it through to finals from our Summer Sports day for BMPSSA from last term. Our boys Basketball team and our Red Ball Tennis teams have made it through to the finals for these events. These events are to be held next week throughout the Melton district. Good luck to all players and coaches for these events.

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 Mixed Netball team from our Winter Sports program held back in Term 2. This team competed all the way through to State level last term to come 3rd in their division in the State. We have never had a team be as successful as this. Thanks to coaches Mrs Dale and Miss Majewski for all your expertise and support.

Our Hoop Time teams have also been in action this week competing in the Year 5/6 finals this week and the Year 3/4 finals will be next week. All players and coaches hoping to get through to State finals which will be held in November. Thanks to Mr Sher for organising this program again this year.

There are many more camps and events this term with Year 5 and 6 camps at end of October and November. Students will be involved in a more rigorous camping program and involved in mountain biking and hiking in our local State and Regional Parks as well as learning about conservation and sustainability throughout these areas.

Students will get to spend a night or two in tents as well as the Year 6s even cooking their own dinner. We are very excited about these valuable updates to our camping experiences.

Our Annual Coach Approach day is next week (Wednesday 24 October) and will be held at school as an incursion for the Year 3/4s in the morning and Year 5/6s in the afternoon. The day consists of the students being involved in sports, games and activities led by elite athletes. These athletes have competed at a State, National or International level. This day is thoroughly enjoyed by all students every year so we look forward to a hugely successful day.

On Thursday 25 October our first Year 4 Cricket teams head out to enjoy a fantastic day in our local area, competing against all schools in our BMPSSA district in modified cricket games. Good luck to our five teams.

We have Staughton Vale experiences for all our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students coming up soon, where they spend a day at our farm. Additionally, Year 5s will head out to the farm this term for a Science field trip.

Congratulations to all our teams competing in events and good luck for all those yet to come.

Ms Rachel McMahon – Head of Junior Physical Education and Camps

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Graeme Frislie 11C and Elizabeth Nuspan 11G win Oceania Track Cycling Championships

The 2018 Oceania Track Cycling Championships were held in Adelaide from 10 to 13 October with the best track cyclists in Oceania competing. This was an extremely competitive International event where both Graeme Frislie and Elizabeth Nuspan from BMG's Elite Sports Programs shone brightly.

Elizabeth won a Gold medal in the U19 Women's Scratch (30 laps or 7.5km) race and a Silver medal in the U19 Women's Keirin event.

Graeme also had a most successful event winning Gold Medals in the Madison and Team Pursuit as well as a hard fought Silver in the Omnium and the Scratch Races. These results a just reward for many hours and years of dedication to their respective cycling programs and we wish both athletes all the best in the upcoming season and World Championship National Team Selection.

Mr Andrew Perks – Director of Sport

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Camps

For parents collecting students returning from camp, parents are welcome to collect their child from the grassed area behind the Gym or from their classroom (if in Junior School).

Due to safety reasons parents MUST park in the Main Car Park, NOT along South Maddingley Road.

A reminder to all bus travellers

It is very important that students DO NOT walk or run in front of the bus after disembarking. If students need to cross the road, they should wait for the bus to leave, then WALK across the road when it is safe to do so.

Mrs Leanne Robertson – Bus Coordinator

BMG COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat now operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. The relevant handbook and enrolment forms are available via the [School website](#).

For more information regarding the OSHC programs offered by YMCA Ballarat please contact:

Mobile: 0438 154 842 or Email: bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au

REGULAR CONTACTS & INFORMATION

Absentee Line - 5366 4888 or Absentee Email - student_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Health Centre direct number - 5366 4873

Senior School After School Classes

Tuesdays – English (N Block) and Science (Room 01)

Thursdays – Mathematics (M Block)

BMG Events Calendar

Visit the [BMG Events Calendar](#) for the latest upcoming events.

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