



## Prep – Year 4 Musical Showcase

Congratulations to all students who performed at Mondays Prep to Year 4 Musical Showcase. For those who were able to join the Junior School assembly they were entertained by the following performances; Prep performed 'The Soundwaves Song', Year 1 performed 'Try Everything' Year 2A, F and G performed 'Ants' (on violin) Year 2B, C and D performed 'Deefer Dingo' and finally the Year 3 and 4 Choir performed 'This Is Me'. These performances showcased the hard work and dedication of both students and staff throughout Term 2.

In addition to performances Age Champion Medals were awarded to students in Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country. Congratulations to the students below on your achievements and special congratulations to a number of students who achieved Age Champion Medals in multiple disciplines.

### Athletics

9 Year Old Girls Champion – **Olivia Karcoushkas and Mikayla Tito**

10 Year Old Girls Champion – **Mackenzie Estlick and Gemma Welch**

9 Year Old Boys Champion – **Tylar Forsyth**

10 Year Old Boys Champion – **Zachary Dalli**

### Swimming

9 Year Old Girls Champion – **Tina Ma**

10 Year Old Girls Champion – **Maddison Weeks**

9 Year Old Boys Champion – **Jacob Hanson**

10 Year Old Boys Champion – **Ethan Bloss**

### Cross Country

9 Year Old Girls Champion – **Coco Burt**

10 Year Old Girls Champion – **Mackenzie Estlick**

9 Year Old Boys Champion – **Tylar Forsyth**

10 Year Old Boys Champion – **Ethan Bloss**



Year 2 violin Performance



9 and 10 Year old Age Champions

## Thank you and Goodbye

I am very happy to have joined Bacchus Marsh Grammar in my exchange experience over this past year. I have learned many different things that I have not learnt in my country and I have made friends in school. This school has many differences compared to my school in my country "Taiwan". Here is much bigger and more activities! I like this school and I will never forget! I enjoy learning at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

In my school in Taiwan, I attend a specialist art school, and there are at least fifty students in my classes. We learn traditional art especially drawing and painting skills. My twin brother and my parents live in an apartment in the capital city (Taipei) in Taiwan.

I entered art work in the recent Bacchus Marsh Rotary Art Show and sold one piece, and I have work in the local gallery in the shopping centre. In future years I intend sending art work over to enter into the Art Show.

Whilst living here, I have also had the opportunity to travel to Sydney, Uluru, Queensland and Tasmania. I really enjoyed living with my host families establishing long term friendships. I am looking forward to seeing my family and friends back home, when I return mid-July.

### Lian-Kai (Ken) Lin – Taiwanese Exchange Student

When Ken arrived he had minimal command of spoken English, however, he has embraced opportunities to expand his skills and is now very fluent when speaking.

Ken was introduced to me as a student interested in Art, as he attended a specialist art school back home. When Ken showed me some of his drawings, I was astounded at the level of skills he has; his rendering, attention to detail and ability to achieve realism are quite amazing. Ken explained to me that in his drawing classes, the goal is to aim for perfection, so as a student, one practises and practices the same drawing until it is perfect. To my dismay, Ken said that if a drawing is not up to standard, the teacher comes along and rips it up and the student starts again.

Much of Ken's time spent at BMG has been in art classes and hospitality. He loved learning how to make coffee and serving people. Whilst in art classes, Ken inspired both art teachers and students, as we all observed his drawings in production. Ken's dedication to producing his best drawings is most commendable. He played a major role in the creation of community arts projects for the school grounds, including the 'Wedge Tail Eagle' mural on the amphitheatre wall at the oval. Ken also completed a traditional portrait and presented this to Mr Neal during his last week here.

Through this exchange, we have learnt much about Ken's culture and his school in Taiwan. We wish him every success for the future and hope we cross paths with him again one day.

**Lou Callow – Art and Student Services**





## Medical Research Excursion

On Thursday 14 June ten BMG students were lucky enough to be chosen to participate in an excursion to the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI), where we spent the day split into three groups engaging in two workshops in the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) and a tour of WEHI. It was an incredible experience giving us the opportunity to learn new things about medical research and create new friends from other schools. Our excursion left us with a new outlook on potential future job paths, and a greater appreciation for medical research and the scientists behind it. We all got a lot out of the day and would like to thank Ms Krosby for allowing us to be a part of the amazing experience.

**Rebecca**

The trip to GTAC and WEHI was an interesting and fun experience. Prior to the excursion, I knew little about medical research and what a career in this area may involve. At GTAC, I was exposed to labs, scientists and concepts that sparked my interest in this career path. The scientists were not only researching well-known illnesses such as cancer, but they were also looking into other things such as the parasite that causes toxoplasmosis. I am very appreciative of the opportunity I had to gain access to such a world renowned venue. **Rachel**

The visit to WEHI was a fascinating, eye opening experience that gave an insight into the world of science, medical research and especially the incredibly diverse *Toxoplasma gondii*. The day consisted of tours of their top class scientific facilities and lab experiments in which we learned about the ins and outs of *Toxoplasma* including gene modifications in which segments of their genes are manipulated to prevent the development of certain proteins and how to identify whether *Toxoplasma* is present through antibodies in the blood. Overall an intriguing experience.

**Elizabeth G.**

I am very interested in infectious diseases and this excursion was very interesting. Scientists there showed me how *Toxoplasma* worked, invaded and exited the body. The techniques and equipment plus videos left me baffled at just how powerful and intelligent parasites are.

**Eden**

Today's experience was very beneficial for me and the group, as we were able to broaden our knowledge about scientific research and toxoplasmosis. We were also lucky to have the opportunity of seeing the available pathways in medical research after school, during university and in further working life.

**Elizabeth N.**

I loved the hands-on experiences with the practicals, and found it really interesting how you can tell if someone is infected with a parasite by testing for antibodies through the enzymes. I also found it interesting how you could mutate the parasite and test to work out which gene affects which part of its functioning. I also found the tour of the WEHI labs really interesting, and I really liked seeing the work they did. I found the experience really interesting and insightful, and it really excited me about biomedicine which I hadn't thought about much before.

**Grace**

We visited GTAC and WEHI to gain an insight into medical research and the main topic of the day was to learn about *Toxoplasma*, which is an infectious agent, which is what our two experiments were centred on – one on gel electrophoresis and one on tracking *Toxoplasma* transmission. We also got a tour around WEHI and were able to participate in a third experiment about cell division. Overall it was a great day where we learnt so much and we would like to thank both the WEHI staff for an enjoyable day and Ms Krosby for taking us!

**Andrew**



## Careers News

Over the Term Two break, students in Senior School (Years 9-12) are highly encouraged to participate in many of the career and course development information days. These events are usually known as 'Experience Days' and are run by various tertiary providers and organisations. Attendance at these days can assist with heightened career awareness and begin to help students plan for future goals. Another benefit is that students are made aware of current employment trends and latest research in dedicated fields as well as providing students with a chance to familiarise themselves with course expectations and entry requirements.

There are also a variety of 'Taster days' whereby students are able to attend mock or condensed activities that emulate future work demands in many employment fields that require University and/or TAFE (vocational) studies. Many events are free, but require early registration. Some events also include sessions specifically aimed at Parents/Guardians for those who are keen on accompanying their child.

The Melbourne Career Expo will be held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from 20-22 July. BMG is happy to be able to offer students and their family a [free ticket](#) to the Melbourne Career Expo scheduled for July. We strongly support weekend attendance.

Senior Students have been emailed with key dates and registration links as well as receiving the final copy of the BMG Careers Newsletter for this term. A copy of this newsletter can be found on the school [website](#).

I would like to wish all Year 10 students involved in the Work Experience Program a successful time at their placements over the break. It is a great opportunity for them to exercise some of the employability skills they have learned.

**Alice Wu-Tollis - Careers & Course Counselling: Practitioner**

## BMG In Concert

Next term on Wednesday 15 August, BMG will host our annual Senior Music concert for parents, staff, friends and the wider school community. The concert will take place at the Wyndham Cultural Centre and further details will be available regarding ticketing via the school newsletter and website early Term 3.

Later this term, many of the students performing at this upcoming concert have been busy recording some of the repertoire they have been rehearsing throughout the year. These recordings have taken place onsite at school and also at Salt Recording Studios in Brighton. Students from the Middle School Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Orchestra, Stage Band and various VCE ensembles have been involved. In the lead up to the concert next term, these recordings will be made available to those students involved and their families.

**Dean Thomas - Director of Music**

## TERM 3 Co-curricular Music commencement

Please be advised that all after school Music co-curricular ensembles will commence when students return from Tuesday 17 July.

Next term is shaping up to be a busy one for Music students and staff, with the Junior Instrumental Concert series, P-4 showcase performance, Senior House Music, MI Sound at Royal South Street for our VCE/VET students, Royal South Street for our Middle and Senior Choirs, Victoria School Music Festival, and the annual Senior Music Showcase 'BMG in Concert'. Stay tuned for more information regarding these events.

**Dean Thomas - Director of Music**

## Scholastic Book Fair Volunteering

Book Fair is back in Term 3 and we are looking for parent volunteers to assist after school for one or more 30 – 60 minute sessions commencing Monday 30 July – Thursday 2 August in the Junior Library from 3.05pm.

If you are able to assist at the Book Fair Sales Desk after school on any of these days please contact:

- Feona West (Junior Librarian)  
[westf@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:westf@bmg.vic.edu.au)
- Diane Dunn (Book Fair Coordinator)  
[dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au)



## Host families needed

The school is in need of host families for our sister school visitors from Kumamoto who will be arriving next term. The students arrive on Friday 31 July for twelve days. This is a great opportunity for families and students to get involved with our overseas programs. Host students are not required to study Japanese.

The Japanese students will come to BMG each school each day with Host BMG students and will spend one weekend with you during their homestay.

Host Family Forms are available from the [school website](#). Please complete and return the form by the end of the term if you can assist. For more information, please contact Mrs Fiona Erhardt on 5366 4800.



Fiona Erhardt - Head of Languages

## School Bus Services – Prep Reception – Year 6

**Afternoon Collection Arrangements for Bus Travellers** - a reminder to parents and guardians all students in Prep-Reception – Year 6 must be collected by a parent/guardian from the bus door regardless of weather conditions.



## Lost Property

Please check that all items of student's clothing are clearly named: in doing so, items mislaid and taken to lost property will quickly be returned via class/tutor group teachers to their owners.

Please note that un-named property will not readily be released to students who claim ownership. Please clearly name your child's uniform to protect your investment in its purchase.

Parents and guardians are asked to regularly check their child/ren's uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another student's property. Any items that may have been mistakenly taken home maybe brought to the Main Administration for distribution back to the correct family.

## Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

The Hubs Program, both Learning and Sport will cease as of Friday 22 June at 5.30pm.

Families who currently use the HUBS program will have received a YMCA Ballarat information pack. All families in Prep to Year 6 have received a welcome letter from the YMCA via the class pigeon holes. The relevant handbook and enrolment form are available via the [School website](#). Additionally, families can request an information pack by making a request through the student diary.

Full program information for Vacation Care over the Term Break has been placed on the [School website](#) and we encourage families to review as we approach the end of term. YMCA also have a program available on the Pupil Free Day on Monday 16 July.

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

**Chrissie Ashmore - [Chrissie.Ashmore@ymca.org.au](mailto:Chrissie.Ashmore@ymca.org.au) - Ph: 03 5329 2800**

**Term 3 2018 commences for students on Tuesday 17 July 2018.**

Students will commence Term 3 in Week Two of the Senior School Timetable



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Challenge; **Maddison Weeks 4A, Stefan Rados 5F, Armaanpartap Singh Brar 3A and Sahil Pandey 4G.**

To date the top three classes with the highest number of books read for the challenge are; **6C – 328 books, 5C – 278 books and 3A – 256 books.**



### Badger Wildlife Rescue Fundraiser – Student Achievement

Over the course of Term Two, Libbi Simons of 5E, raised money and awareness for the Badger Wildlife Rescue in Greendale. She presented a slideshow to the Year Five students explaining the amazing work they do and the threat that Australian animals face with endangerment. Libbi managed to raise \$73.70 for the animal shelter. The Year Five teachers and students are extremely proud of her achievements and the awareness she has brought to the cohort. Congratulations Libbi and keep up the great work!

### Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country Finals 2018

On Thursday 21 June, Mackenzie Estlick, Marcus Sfetcopoulos, Jessie Trueman, Jemima Thomson, Charli O'Connor, Oscar Burt and Koby Harris represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the 2018 Region Cross Country Finals at Brimbank Park.

Although it was a frosty start to the day, the weather improved, resulting in a perfect day for our keen competitors. They all put in an amazing effort during their 2km and 3km runs, competing against 70-80 competitors in their age groups from the Western Metropolitan area, with the top twelve place getters going through to the State Finals.

- Mackenzie placed 46th for the 9/10 year old girls.
- Jemima placed 57th for the 11 year old girls.
- Oscar placed 14th and Marcus placed 36th for the 11 year old boys.
- Charlie placed 38th for the 12/13 year old girls.
- Koby placed 22nd and Jessie placed 34th for the 12/13 year old boys.



**Congratulations on a fantastic effort!**

**Chantelle Estlick – Junior School Teacher**

### Rostrum Voice of Youth State Final – Good Luck Jackson Brown

Jackson (7D) will be competing in the Rostrum Voice of Youth State Final on Sunday 23 June at St Kevin's College, following his success at Wynspeak.

### 2019 Term Dates

The 2019 Term Dates have been posted onto the [school website](#).

## REGULAR CONTACTS & INFORMATION

**Absentee Line** - 5366 4888 or Absentee Email - [student\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto: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)

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

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