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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is pleasing to hear of the wonderful sporting success of three of our students; Graeme Frislie (Year 9), Julia Bourke (Year 12) and Sophie McMinimee (Year 10).

Graeme Frislie: Has been awarded the Victorian Junior Cyclist of the year and recently won multiple Gold medals at the State Titles. Graeme will now go to the Nationals in the Victorian Team.

Julia Bourke: won Gold in the U/12 Hammer Throw and Gold in the U/20 Shot Put. Julie has now qualified for Junior and Open Nationals in both events.

Sophie McMinimee: won Bronze in the double of 1500 m and 3000m; meaning she has qualified for the Junior Nationals in Perth.

I congratulate them on their success to date and we wish them continued success at the next level of competition.

It was also pleasing to hear the fine efforts by all of our students at the Lions Youth of the Year Competition in Bacchus Marsh. I would like to congratulate Kieran McKenzie on being named Bacchus Marsh Youth of the Year and Phoebe Hogarth for being awarded best speaker of the evening. Kieren will move to regional competition as the year continues and the school wishes him well in the next round of competition.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal



Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program 2017

Information regarding the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Scholarship Program for 2017 is included on the School's website www.bmg.vic.edu.au and on page 4 of the full version of the newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES

18 Feb 16	Year 9/10 Everyday Science Excursion
18 Feb 16	Unit 3 PE Excursion Federation Uni Ballarat
19 Feb 16	JS House Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 – <i>Melton Waves</i>
19 Feb 16	VET Hospitality & Food Technology Exc
19-21 Feb	"Hairspray" Production Camp
24-25 Feb	JS Parent Teacher Interviews
24 Feb 16	Year 9/10 Hospitality Exc
25 Feb 16	BMPSSA Swimming
26 Feb 16	JS Assembly – Gymnasium 9AM
1 Mar 16	Year 7 Parent –Teacher Interviews
1 Mar 16	Young Leaders Day
4 Mar 16	JS Clean Up Australia Day
4 Mar 16	VET Hospitality Longest Lunch
7 Mar 16	Year 7 Parent Information Session 6.30pm
8 Mar 16	ICCES Badminton, Swimming & Table Tennis
8 Mar 16	SS Aths High Jump & Javelin events.
8 Mar 16	VCE Parent-Teacher Interviews
8 Mar 16	JS RCH Fundraiser
10-11 Mar	Year 8 Community Service
10 Mar 16	Year 7 Immunisation
10 Mar 16	Prep Incursion Responsible Pet Education
10 Mar 16	VCE Top Class Performance
10 Mar 16	Year 2 Excursion – Historical Town Walk
11 Mar 16	Prep Teddy Bears Picnic
14 Mar 16	Labour Day Public Holiday – <i>No School</i>
16 Mar 16	JS Division Swimming
17 Mar 16	SS Athletics Carnival
18 Mar 16	Prep Parent Helper Workshop
21-24 Mar	Year 9C & 9D Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
22 Mar 16	JS Assembly – Gymnasium 9AM
22 Mar 16	JS Regional Swimming
22 Mar 16	Year 1 Incursion Responsible Pet Education
23 Mar 16	Year 4 Excursion – <i>Ballarat Wildlife Park</i>
24 Mar 16	Prep-Year 4 Easter Craft Morning
24 Mar 16	End of Term 1
7-8 Apr	"Hairspray" Holiday Rehearsals
11 Apr 16	Term 2 Commences staff & students

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

On Monday 15th February, **Phoebe Hogarth, Kieren McKenzie, Jacob Micevski and Rachel O'Hagan** represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar in the Lion's Club Youth of the Year Quest. Each participant was firstly interviewed by a panel of three judges who assessed them on their achievements in or knowledge of the following: Leadership, Sporting or Cultural, Citizenship & Community, General Knowledge and Academic. The next part of the

judging was on Public Speaking. This was conducted at an evening session in front of an audience of Lion's Club members, family and friends where each participant was given two impromptu questions that they needed to speak to for two minutes, then deliver a five-minute prepared speech of their own choosing.

All four students are to be congratulated. They all spoke extremely well and were wonderful ambassadors for Bacchus Marsh Grammar and for young people in the wider community. Phoebe was the winner of the Public Speaking Award. Kieren was the overall winner and was presented with the John Cadzow Memorial Award. Kieren will now represent the Lion's Club of Bacchus Marsh at the Zone Final and we wish him every success with this.



SCHOOL COLOURS

Congratulations to **Lilli Stanley of 11E and Jai Wright of 12A** who were awarded School Colours for continued services to the school at assembly last Monday. School Colours are awarded to senior students who consistently achieve academically, serve and perform for the school in any area of the curriculum or co-curricular activities, which has been particularly outstanding.

Throughout the school year, School Colours will also be awarded to students in Years 10, 11 & 12. If your child is deserving of School Colours, ensure that they have submitted their information sheets to their Tutor Teacher.

School Colours are awarded to eligible students from Year 10 onwards. Points are awarded for services to the School (not house events) i.e. Academic Excellence, Outstanding Effort, School Production, ICCES sports, DAV debating etc... Upon attaining 90 points, they are eligible to be awarded School Colours, 180 point – Double School Colours.

SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOUR

I must remind students that travelling on the school busses is a service organized 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. 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 busses.

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.

It is important that all students arrive at the bus stop approximately **3-5 minutes** before the bus is due to arrive and be ready to board upon arrival.

Many students are:

1. Waiting with parents in the car and only begin to get ready, collect school bag etc... after the bus has arrived – delaying the departure of the bus
2. Arriving at the bus stop as the bus is arriving – delaying the departure of the bus.

If parents are driving their child to the bus stop, please do not park in an area that interferes with path of the bus. Please park at a reasonable distance from the bus stop.

All Bacchus Marsh Grammar busses have **assigned seating**; students are expected to be seated in their designated seat. If a student wishes to change their designated seat then they must request a change, in writing, giving reasons for the request.

On busses that have seat belts, the seat belt must be worn – as in any motor vehicle.

Parents are not to make contact with the Bus Captains, if there are any concerns regarding your child travelling on the school bus; please make contact with the Mrs. O'Day or myself.

Kevin Richardson

Deputy Principal – Head of the Senior School

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
– HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL**

READING - Parent Practical Workshops

When: Thursday 18th February 2016 at 8.45am (Year 2 Demonstration)

Location: Lecture Theatre

Agenda items for the workshops:

- Ask any questions about difficulties you might experience when reading with your child.
- Explore the different three reading strategies further and learn how to prompt your child to promote reading for understanding.

- Discuss the importance of reading the same book for multiple nights.
- Look at the difference between fluent, phrased and expressive reading.
- Learn to recognise what 'good reading' sounds like.
- Hand out practical tips and seeing a teacher model the prompts.

BMG 2016 Junior School House Swimming

On Friday 19th February, our annual school swimming carnival is being held at Melton Waves Swimming Pool for students, who as a result of the swimming trials, have qualified to participate. The competitive events will result in the selection for our district carnival which will be held on Thursday 25th February at Melton Waves. If your child is not participating they will be required to attend school as normal classes will continue to run with some staff remaining at school.

The children are expected to arrive at school, where they will be bussed to Melton Waves accompanied by staff. No students are permitted to get dropped off at Melton Waves as there will be no supervision prior to the arrival of school buses. The program is scheduled to start at 9.45am and will conclude with presentations at approximately 1.45pm.

Please ensure that your child wears an appropriate bathing suit under their sports uniform. Students are to wear full sport uniform to and from school, which also includes their school hat and sunscreen. **Parents who wish to take their child home directly from the pool will need to ensure they sign their child out with their House Coordinator.**

Pentland: Mr Brendan McLoughlin
 Hilton: Miss Rebecca Adlam
 Braeside: Mr Wes McLaughlin
 Bacchus: Mr Travis Newton

JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Wednesday 24th February and Thursday 25th
February 2016
3.15p.m. – 7.30p.m.

The Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 24th February and Thursday 25th February 2016 respectively. Interviews with your child's class teacher, and specialist teachers if required, are to be booked online via the myBMG – Parent Portal available from the school website, www.bmg.vic.edu.au. [Parents have already been provided with your log in details.](#) If you have misplaced your log in details you can either request notification online or by phoning the school office on 5366 4800.

Booking an appointment with your child's class teacher

Online bookings will open on Wednesday 10th February at 5.00pm. To enable all parents to book a suitable time with their child's class teacher, until Monday 15th February at 9.00am, you will only be able to book a class teacher appointment.

Booking an appointment with your child's specialist teachers

Online bookings will open on Monday 15th February at 9.00am to enable parents to book to see their child's specialist teachers.

Interviews will be 10 minute duration. If you or the class teachers believes a longer time session is required, then this needs to be booked directly with the class teacher and will be outside of the advertised Parent /Teacher advertised times. If you do not have the facility to book your interview times online, then you are able to contact Mrs. Fran Raynor on 5366 4800 and she will be able to assist you in booking suitable times for interviews.

Online bookings will close on Monday 21st of February at 9.00am. Students will bring home a letter stating confirmed times for interviews by Tuesday 22nd February. We will attach a school map to the letter to enable you to easily locate rooms for interviews.

Venues

- Year 5 and Year 6 interviews will be held in the Multi-Purpose room in the F block
- Year 3 and Year 4 interviews will be conducted upstairs in the W block
- Year 1 –Year 2 interviews will be in Wilson Hall
- Prep Interviews will be in Room E6

As much as possible, specialist teachers will be placed with the year levels where they teach the most. The confirmation letter you receive will have the staff members allocated room number for interviews indicated next to the staff member's name.

Junior School Assembly

The Junior School Assembly will be conducted on Friday 26th February in the school gymnasium, beginning at 9.00am. At this assembly selected Junior School Leaders will address the Junior School about leadership. There are no musical performances at this assembly however the Year 1/2 choir will lead the National Anthem.

Term One 2016 Sports offered:

Day	Dates	Activity
Monday	Monday 22 nd Feb Monday 29 th Feb Monday 7 th March Monday 21 st March	Anything Goes
Tuesday	Tuesday 23 rd Feb Tuesday 1 st March Tuesday 8 th March Tuesday 15 th March Tuesday 22 nd March	Athletics
Wednesday	Wednesday 24 th Feb Wednesday 2 nd March Wednesday 9 th March Wednesday 16 th March Wednesday 23 rd March	Basketball

Thursday	Thursday 18 th Feb Thursday 25 th Feb Thursday 3 rd March Thursday 10 th March Thursday 17 th March Thursday 24 th March	Net / Racquet Games
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Elizabeth O'Day
Deputy Principal - Head of the Junior School

2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NEWS



**Bacchus Marsh
Grammar**

Scholarship Program 2017

Year 7 2017

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

To apply for the Year 7 van den Hende Family Scholarship or one of the Year 7 John Leaver Scholar Scholarships the following is required:

- Portfolio Application (available from the Main Administration Office with appropriate payment)
- Demonstrate high academic performance
- Demonstrate exemplary school reports
- Demonstrated willingness to undertake a leadership role in their current school or organisation.

Demonstrate the development of a skill/aptitude at the highest level in either:

- Sport – representative at regional levels as a minimum in a chosen sport
- Music – successful completion of AMEB Level 3 as a minimum in a chosen instrument/voice.
- A significant ongoing time commitment with a major recognised charity or social group.

Testing

All current Year 6 students are tested as part of the curriculum. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is **not required**.

Applicants for Year 7 2017 will be tested as part of the enrolment process on 5 March 2016. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is **not required**.

New students who have not submitted an Application for Enrolment **will be tested at Bacchus Marsh Grammar on Saturday 16 April 2016**. Further information regarding the venue at will be advised upon payment and submission of the Portfolio.

Payment

No Scholarship Application will be processed until the Scholarship Payment has been made and the Portfolio Application has been completed.

Current Students: \$50.00

Applicants for Year 7 2017: \$50.00

New students (not current at BMG and have not submitted an Application for Enrolment): \$150.00

Year 9 2017

2 van den Hende Family Scholarships to be awarded – one of which will be Awarded to a current Bacchus Marsh Grammar student.

To apply for the Year 9 van den Hende Family Scholarship the following is required:

Requirements:

- Portfolio Application (available from the Main Administration Office)
- Demonstrate high academic performance
- Demonstrate exemplary school reports
- Demonstrated willingness to undertake a leadership role in their current school or organisation.

Demonstrate the development of a skill/aptitude at the highest level in either:

- Sport – representative at regional levels as a minimum in a chosen sport
- Music – successful completion of AMEB Level 3 as a minimum chosen in a chosen instrument/voice.
- A significant ongoing time commitment with a major recognised charity or social group.

Testing

All current Year 8 (for Year 9 2017) students are tested as part of the curriculum. This testing will be referred to as part of the Scholarship Application. A separate Scholarship Test is **not required**.

New students to Bacchus Marsh Grammar - both Applicants and those who have not submitted an Application for Enrolment **will be tested at Bacchus Marsh Grammar on Saturday 16 April 2016**. Further information regarding the venue at will be advised upon payment and submission of the Portfolio.

Payment

No Scholarship Application will be processed until the Scholarship Payment has been made and the Portfolio Application has been completed.

Current Students: \$50.00

Applicants for Year 9 2017: \$50.00

New students (not current at BMG and have not submitted an Application for Enrolment): \$150.00

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 2017

The top three current Bacchus Marsh Grammar students based on academic averages, so long as they have also achieved Outstanding Effort Awards will receive a Scholarship covering 100% of Tuition Fees for one year. No application form needs to be completed or payment made. These Scholarships will be Awarded and announced at the School's end of year Presentation Awards.

All existing Scholarship holder arrangements stand.

For further information regarding the 2017 Scholarship Program please contact the Principal's Personal Assistant Mrs Michelle Graham on 5366 4800.

BMG HUBS PROGRAMS NEWS

Important to all Hubs participants – you must notify the Hubs team if your child is not attending on the scheduled day by phone, email or text.

Please remember that we have a **No Hat No Play** policy for all children attending the Hubs program must have a spare hat to wear outside.

Reminders for the Hubs programs:

- Students attending Sports Hub are reminded to pack a healthy snack for them to have after school and a named water bottle.
- If your child is unable to attend either program please contact us via email, phone or text.

The Learning Hub, The Sports Hub and The Clubs Hub.

For each of these programs it is important and the parent/guardians responsibility to notify the program coordinators if there are any changes to your child/ren's attendance on the day that they are to attend. This may be done by SMS to either related program on the following numbers:

The Learning Hub - 0408 548 058

The Sport Hub - 0428 315 081

or

Confirmations of absentees may be phoned through the main school number on **5366 4800**.

or

email the Learning Hub via
hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au

SRC NEWS

BMG Easter Raffle 2016

The Junior and Senior School SRC (*Student Representative Council*) Easter Raffle 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 be sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by Wednesday 16th March 2016. Ticket butts need to **include a name and contact number**.

Prizes will be drawn at school and winners notified.

The prizes being raffled are:

Baskets of Easter Eggs

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

JS & SS SRC Committees



LOTE NEWS

Host Families Required



The LOTE department is seeking families to host a Japanese girl/boy from Tokyo from the 5th-17th March 2016. The students are aged between 14-15 years of age and speak some English. If you can assist please complete a **Host Family Profile Form** which is attached to the full version of the Grammar Weekly online.

For further information please contact Mr Love at school or through his email lovem@bmg.vic.edu.au.

BMG JAPAN TRIP 2016

Students from Years 9-12 are welcome to attend the BMG Japan trip this year. The tour will depart Melbourne on the 3rd September and return to Melbourne on 24th September. 3 weeks in Japan!!

We plan to visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagasaki, and Kumamoto for a 10 day homestay with Japanese families from our sister schools.

The cost is around \$4600 plus spending money. Please see Mr Love if you have any questions and visit the school Parent Portal to lodge your expression of interest.

Michael Love

**GALLERY
NEWS**

Featured in the gallery this week:

Year 9 / 10 sculpture students have completed their first clay model for the year - figurines based on the exploration of body language to express a selected 'Emotion'. After bisque firing, glazes were added and models were fired for a second time, resulting in impressive finished works. The students are to be commended for their first efforts for the semester.

You are most welcome to come and view our students' work. Please sign in at the Main Administration Office prior to visiting the BMG Gallery.

Lou Callow
Gallery Coordinator



EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Geelong Grammar Dressage Day

During the past weekend four members of the BMG Equestrian Team, including myself, competed in the Geelong Grammar Interschool Dressage day. It was a beautiful day for a competition and all horses were well behaved. Benjamin Peterson competed in the Primary Preparatory section taking home a 2nd place in his first test and 4th in his second. Briana Peterson, Emma Squires and myself just missed out on a placing in each of our classes over all BMG placed 5th on the day. It was an enjoyable day spent with our horsey Valentine's.

Olivia Peterson

For more information on the Equestrian Team, please collect an information booklet from reception.



SS PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Reminder to all "Hairspray" participants please ensure you have returned both your signed agreement and the Photographic permission forms ASAP.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to strict licensing agreements for this production there will be **NO DVD** produced this year.

Helena Stratakos
Drama coordinator

SS HOUSE NEWS

SS House Swimming Overall Results 2016

1st Bacchus 1514 Points	3rd Pentland Points
2nd Hilton Points	4th Braeside Points

Congratulations to Jack Carr (Year 10) and Megan Llana (Year 7) who broke individual records at the House Swimming Carnival.

Jack broke all records in all 4 strokes throughout the day some of which were over 10 years old. Megan broke the Butterfly record which has been standing for 7 Years. Well done to both on an amazing individual effort!

M Yr10 50m Breaststroke Carr, Jack HI 35.64
Old Record: 37.74 MOUTZOURIS, Andreas (HI 2012)

M Yr10 50m Freestyle Carr, Jack HI 26.27

Old Record: 28.16 J. Wilson (2005)

M Yr10 50m Backstroke Carr, Jack HI 31.46

Old Record: 31.84 J. Wilson (2005)

F Yr07 50m Butterfly Llanaez, Megan PD 36.57

Old Record: 37.17 K. Woolley (2009)

M Yr10 50m Butterfly Carr, Jack HI 28.05

Old Record: 28.62 SADLER, Dylan (BA 2012)

Evan Long

Coordinator: Head of Houses

CAMPS FUNDING ASSISTANCE NEWS

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Do you have a Health Care Card?

The Victorian Government have unveiled a new \$148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Applications are available from the main office and must be returned no later than **22 February 2016**.

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

- Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- Be a temporary foster parent; and
- Submit an application to the school's main office no later than 22 February 2016. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

For more information please contact Casey Ryder on 5366 4800.

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

Confidential Medical forms

These were sent home at the end of last year, they need to be returned to the Health Centre as soon as possible. If you did not receive one or have misplaced yours, please contact the Health Centre.

The Moorabool Shire Council's immunisation service may contact you about the Year 7 secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Please contact Michelle Graham in the Principal's Office or the School's Health Centre by Friday 12 February 2016 if **you do not want your contact details given to the Moorabool Shire Council**.

SUN SMART and HATS

Bacchus Marsh Grammar would like to remind students and parents about being Sun Smart. Below is a link to the Sun Smart Website which has some very useful information, including the information about UV.

<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/>

During Terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory for all Junior School students to wear a hat as part of their school uniform and sports uniform. Junior School students in Prep to Year 4 must wear either the wide brim hat or the bucket hat, Year 4 to Year 6 students must wear either the wide brim hat, bucket hat or cap.

During Terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory for all Senior School students to wear a hat during sport and Physical Education lessons. Students may wear either the bucket hat or cap, it is also strongly recommended that students wear either hat as part of their school uniform also.

Pictures of the hats and their respective costs are below:

Wide brim hat = \$10.75



Bucket hat = \$15.50



Caps = \$13.00



As you can see the hats are not too expensive to buy and can help in the prevention of Skin Cancer.

Key messages to remember:

- Around 2,000 Australians die from skin cancer each year.
- Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world
- The most commonly diagnosed cancer among adolescents and young adults is melanoma; it accounts for more than one-quarter of all cancers among Australians aged 15–29 years.

Qkr! NEWS

Qkr! By MasterCard is now at Bacchus Marsh Grammar

The new Qkr! app by MasterCard is now available for families of students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar to make payments to the School by Mastercard or Visa. The Qkr! app by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app, register by simply scan the QR code below using the Qkr! Code scanner or type BMG after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!. The app will then always recognise you as a member of Bacchus Marsh Grammar in the future and enable you to make payments to the school (including School fees). You can also order lunch from the Canteen right now using Qkr!

To make payments immediately why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!



An information flyer regarding the service is attached to the full version of The Grammar Weekly available online.

For further information visit www.bmg.vic.edu.au and search for Qkr!

Luke Robertson
Information Systems Support Officer

CANTEEN NEWS



Canteen printed lunch order bags are now available and may be collected from the Canteen or the Administration Office.

Canteen Product Update

Please note updates on canteen products:

- **Streets** no longer produce the Funny finger icy pole so these are no longer available from the Canteen. The Canteen still stocks lemonade icy poles for \$1.00 and Calypos for \$1.50.
- **Lipton ice teas** are only available in large 600ml size for \$4.00.
- **Big M Banana milk** is only available in the large size 600ml for \$4.00.

Please note there are minor changes to drinks on the Canteen menu due to some stock no longer available.

Canteen Online Ordering – Qkr! By MasterCard

Lunch orders can now be placed using the Qkr! app by MasterCard. Please note that orders are taken for **LUNCH ONLY**; parents/guardians will need to provide money for recess/snack purchases. Orders must be submitted by 9.30am on the day of order. Parents\Guardians must inform student(s) if they have an online order placed. For further information visit www.bmg.vic.edu.au and search for Qkr! See further information regarding Qkr! in this newsletter.

Emergency Lunch Procedure - Qkr! By MasterCard

Emergency Lunches can now be ordered and paid for using Qkr!. If you miss the cut-off (9.30am) for the normal canteen menu or you have forgotten to provide/order lunch this can now be done online using Qkr!

Cancelling Online Orders

Orders can be canceled up until the cut-off time of 9.30am (excludes emergency lunch orders or payments) by following the same process as completing an order. Just select the order and then 'cancel' a credit sit against your account for use at another time.

All lunch orders require the following basic information:

- Students name
 - Year level and Tutor Group/Class
 - Lunch order
 - Payment
- ❖ *Where possible we ask that you provide the correct money with the order and under no circumstances will frozen foods such as icy poles/zooper doopers be included with lunch orders.*
- ❖ *No credit accounts are available at the Canteen.*

Senior School Lunch Ordering Procedure

1. A table is placed outside the canteen with a tub that includes lunch order bags and pens for students to utilise if they have not already completed orders at home.
2. Completed orders are to be "posted" through the slot in the canteen door by **9.30AM daily**.
3. Senior Students are to collect orders from the canteen. Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 collect their own lunch off the respective shelf section from the canteen. Students in Years 7 and 8 are to continue to collect their orders from the front counter in the lunch order pick up queue.

Junior School Lunch Ordering Procedure.

1. Each Junior School Class has a lunch basket in their classroom in which students place their completed lunch order bags. Junior classes send baskets with canteen monitors to the canteen by **9.30AM daily**.
2. Lunch orders are filled and placed back into these baskets for collection by Canteen Monitors from each class prior to lunch.

Emergency Lunch Procedure

In our busy day-to-day lives the school understands that students and families may forget lunches and an emergency replacement lunch may be required. This can now be ordered online using Qkr! By MasterCard. Or if this should occur all students are to report to the Administration Office for an emergency lunch requisition. Payment for the emergency lunch must be made to the Administration Office on the next school day. Teaching staff will **not be permitted** to send students directly to the canteen for emergency lunches.

Contact will be made with all parents/guardians of all students requiring an emergency lunch for permission to give students the emergency lunch requisition and to check if there are any specific dietary requirements.

Students will be supplied with:

- ❖ a sandwich
- ❖ a piece of fruit and/or a small yoghurt
- ❖ a bottle of water.

Canteen Volunteers

The School and canteen staff would greatly appreciate volunteer support from the school community and your assistance is always welcomed. Volunteers do not have to commit to a whole day you may choose to help out for a shorter period of time.

To any parent who is thinking of assisting in the canteen in 2016, you are required to have a current **Working With Children Check**. Once you have received your card please present it to the Administration Office where a copy of the card will be kept in a confidential file.

Kerrie, Leanne and Janine.

myBMG
NEWS



myBMG – Parent Portal

The parent portal continues to provide information regarding your child(ren) including all student notes. It also contains options to make payments towards your school fees, learning hub fees, various user pays activities and any ad hoc charges. I encourage all parents/guardians to refer to the Parent Portal for information regarding your child(ren).

Forgotten Password

A number of current Parents/Guardian have lost or forgotten their login details for the myBMG – Parent Portal. Parents/guardians may now request this information using the 'Forgotten your password?' link on the Portal login page. Parents/guardians will require their Debtor ID or Family Code and must have provided the school with a valid e-mail address for all contacts for students. Parents/guardians may update their e-mail address by contacting the school via: email - school@bmg.vic.edu.au or completing change of address/details form available on the schools website.

If current Parents/Guardians have any further enquiries they will need to contact the school on 03 5366 4800. The myBMG – Parent Portal is for Parents/guardians of current students to access only. It is advisable that students do not have access to this service.

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT NEWS

CAR PARK SAFETY

PATIENCE MEANS NO PATIENTS!

We thank parents for their ongoing patience in the Main Car Park dropping off and collecting students each day.

YOUR PATIENCE WILL CERTAINLY HELP US PREVENT ANY STUDENT PATIENTS! Please continue to drive with great care and consideration, follow the directions of the crossing supervisor, staff members on duty and traffic signs and directional arrows as indicated. Remember the drop off zone along the footpath is a **"kiss and go zone"** and absolutely a **no parking zone**. You may not leave your vehicle parked unattended.

A reminder to all families that the South Maddingley Road visitor parking (*in front of the Administration Building*) is not to be utilised by students as a "Drop off and Pick Up" area between the following times:

Before School: 8.00AM - 8.45AM

After School: 3.05PM – 3.30PM

It is far too dangerous for cars to be reversing onto South Maddingley Road during the bus times.

We would also like to remind families that it is illegal to text and utilise mobile phones whilst driving and this includes within the School carparks. All drivers should have full concentration on their surroundings particularly whilst in School zones and near school crossings.



The PFA is registered and part of Amart sports loyalty rewards program. Families shopping at Amart stores across Victoria may choose to nominate Bacchus Marsh Grammar as their community group and the PFA will receive benefits associated with this program.

Symone Whiteway
PFA President

Private Bus Service Reminder

Private bus services including all **Werribee, Watergardens, Caroline Springs, Cairnlea and Sunbury/Gisborne buses** are private bus services for students who live in the Werribee, Watergardens, Caroline Springs, Sunbury and Gisborne areas. Students who are not allocated a seat on these bus routes are not permitted to travel on these services at **any time**.

Private Bus - new bus routes

As you would be aware bus routes have been updated from 2015 with additional students travelling on these services and amendments made by Bacchus Marsh Coaches to accommodate the needs in these districts. Both the School and the bus company request that parents allow at least 3 weeks for these schedules to roll out and traffic to settle.

Bus Code of Conduct

This is a reminder to parents and students regarding the expectation the School and Bacchus Marsh Coaches has when travelling on our school services.

The purpose of this code is to ensure safe and comfortable travel for all.

This Code is applicable to all students (Primary and Secondary) who travel to and/or from school on a designated school bus.

At all times while travelling by school bus, students must abide by the following rules and conduct requirements. All students **must**:-

1. **Behave** in a safe, responsible and respectful manner – ensuring that behaviours and noise levels are not uncomfortable to other passengers.
2. **At all times** remain **properly** seated while bus is in motion.
3. **Not** eat food (including chewing gum) or consume drinks (other than water) on the bus.
4. **Not** sit on armrests, kneel or place feet on the seats.
5. **Not** draw on, damage or deface any article in or on the bus.
6. **Not** use offensive or indecent language.
7. **Not** throw any article in or from the bus.
8. **Not** spit or fight.

9. **Not** distract the driver while the bus is in motion, unless there is a serious reason to do so such as requesting a stop or an emergency situation.
10. **Not** make inappropriate and/or rude gestures to pedestrians and/or the general public.
11. **Not** yell at or out to pedestrians and/or the general public.
12. **Not** behave whilst waiting for a bus in a way that brings discredit to the school.
13. **All** students must travel on the bus service to which they have been allocated.
14. **Behave** in a way that respects the rights of residents who are in the vicinity of school bus stops.
15. **Wear seat belts** where fitted **at all times**.

Note: - These requirements are mandatory for the safety and comfort of all students while travelling to and from school.

NORMALLY:

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING:-

First offence – Written warning to parents

Second offence – Withdrawal of travel rights for three days

Third offence – Total and permanent withdrawal of travel rights

Note:

If the incident or incidents are deemed by the Principal to be of a more serious nature, withdrawal of travel rights will occur immediately.

Normal School sanctions, i.e. detentions, suspension, etc., will also apply to any/all bus incidents

Safety: - Students are reminded not to cross the road in front of or directly behind the bus after alighting at the bus stop. Students should wait until the bus has cleared the stop and have clear vision in both directions before crossing.

The initial response to any misbehaviour is for the student to be issued with a notice/sticker in their diary as they leave the bus. This notice/sticker will state that the student has been reported to have been misbehaving and may not travel on the bus until contact has been made with Bacchus Marsh Grammar. On completion of the journey, contact is then made with Bacchus Marsh Grammar of the incident. Upon prompt investigation of the incident an initial response to any student that misbehaves is that a first warning notice will be posted home to parents.

Reminder to Parents:

- Parents are requested to pay particular attention to where they park and issues of safety when dropping off and collecting children.
- It is recommended that parents arrive at designated stops 5 minutes before drop-off and collection.
- Parents are also asked to be mindful that many bus stops are in residential areas and they have a responsibility to be respectful of the amenity of residences close to bus stops.

Conveyance Allowance Program

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. It is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus.

Existing families eligible for the Conveyance Allowance were sent application forms in December 2015. These are due no later than **Friday 12 February**.

New families to BMG can review the criteria below and assess their eligibility to submit an application.

Eligibility Criteria

Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- reside outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8kms or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service.

Applications for the Conveyance Allowance are available at the Administration Office.

Travel Grant

Parents/Guardians eligible for 2016 Travel Grant received their forms at the end of last year. These must be returned by **Friday 12th February 2016**.

Town/Country School Bus

Any students who travel, or are intending to travel on a free school bus in 2016 are required to complete an 'Application for Permission to Travel' Form before commencement of travel. These forms can be downloaded from the Public Transport Victoria Website (a link is provided on the school's website) or alternatively you can contact Casey Ryder to request a form.

Public Transport

Parents who are purchasing myki need to complete a 'Victorian Public Transport Student Concession Card and Student Pass Application Form'. These forms are available from V/Line staffed stations, metropolitan premium stations or online at ptv.vic.gov.au.

Any questions can be directed to Casey Ryder at the Main office on 5366 4800.

Public Bus Notice From Bacchus Marsh College:

Student conduct when travelling on school buses in 2016

When travelling between home and school (visa/versa), students must adhere to various regulations regarding passenger behaviour.

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers.

To ensure your child's and other passengers safety and the comfort, students will:

1. Behave safely at all times.
2. Respect the needs and comfort of other student passengers.
3. Behave appropriately at all times (e.g. no use of offensive language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats or throwing things in or from the bus).
4. Follow instructions of bus duty teachers and bus drivers.
5. Respect staff (duty teachers and bus drivers)
6. Respect other student passenger's property.
7. If required hold a valid MYKI pass.

Please note: Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of access to school bus services and/or prosecution.

**Lupco Arsovski, Bus Co-ordinator
Bacchus Marsh College**

Late Bus Service

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY PM:

- 4.30 Depart Bacchus Marsh Grammar
- 4.55 Coburns Central near Safeway Petrol Station (Coburns Road, Melton)
- 5.10 Caroline Springs Boulevard (service rd just after Chisholm Dr roundabout)
- 5.30 514 Derrimut Rd (Service Road between Rebecca Prm and Baden Powell Drive)
- 5.35 Werribee Plaza (Corner Derrimut Rd and Baggott Drive)
- 5.45 Werribee Railway Station
- 5.50 Corner Ballan Road and Whitton Grove
- 5.52 Corner Ballan Road and Manor Lakes Blvd (Shopping Centre Bus Interchange)

School Early Leavers

A reminder to all students and parents: if a student is required to leave school early for any reason, please ensure that your child has a signed note in their diary. This note must be sighted and counter signed by their Year Level Coordinator or Teacher, Mr Richardson or Mrs O'Day. Parents are required to arrange to meet their child at the Main Office in order to sign out in the **Early Leavers Register**.

Please note students are not permitted to have mobile phones switched on during School hours.

UNIFORM NEWS

Senior School UNIFORM PASS: All senior students, who are not wearing the correct School uniform, are to report to the Main Administration Office and collect a uniform pass. The uniform pass is valid for one day only (date of issue).

Lost Property

Please check that all items of students' 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. In the lead up to the end of the school year parents and guardians are asked to check their child/rens uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another students property. Any items that may have been mistakenly taken home maybe brought to the Main Administration for distribution back to the correct family.

SECONDHAND BOOKS & UNIFORM NEWS

Sustainable School Shop provides the second-hand textbook trading system for the school. Our school's 2016 booklist/textbook information for Years 7-12 has been uploaded and is ready to use on the Sustainable School Shop website. To get started, go to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and either register as a parent or log-in if you're already registered.

Buying second-hand textbooks

Click Find Books, select your booklist, and tick the boxes of the books you need. The system will show you the correct second-hand books to buy. Click Member With Most Matches to see who has most of these books, or click Cheapest Books. You'll receive Ad Match emails when newly listed books match your wanted ads.

Selling second-hand textbooks

Get your books home and list them for sale asap. Click Sell Books and follow the prompts, the system will assist ad construction and provides a pricing guide. Write the availability date in your ads if your books are still being used.

To sell books that are not on your old booklist, please click MyAds/Create Ads and follow the prompts.

Other tips

Searching for second-hand textbooks begins as soon as the new booklists are distributed.

People with wanted ads always get first choice of the newly listed books for sale. Be mindful to price your books reasonably, this is a competitive marketplace.

Only buy secondhand workbooks that have not been written in. Many book suppliers have very good returns polices that will enable you to continue looking for second-hand texts, even after submitting your new book order - check your

suppliers returns policy.

Be considerate to others by delisting your ads promptly as your books sell - this assists everyone using the service. To delist, log-in, click the red Delist button and then the sold button on the right side of your ad.

Please remember, by recycling your textbooks you are helping another family in our school community.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



"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 5.30 p.m. Sat: 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Shop 3-5 Watton Arcade, 28 Watton Street, Werribee

Phone: 9741 3211 Fax: 9741 3155

Email: rushfords@noone.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC PARISH of BACCHUS MARSH

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2016 for children attending local government and independent schools other than St Bernard's Parish Primary. Parents interested in their child/children receiving the following sacraments:

- **Confirmation - Grade 6 or higher**
- **Eucharist - Grade 4 or higher**
- **First Reconciliation - Grade 3 or higher**

should register immediately for ALL Sacraments at the Parish Office, 61 Lerderderg Street, Bacchus Marsh, Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3:30pm.

Enrolments for all Sacraments (particularly Confirmation) **must be completed by Thursday ,17 March 2016.**

Attendance at all classes is compulsory and parent/s must accompany their child. Dates of preparation classes for all sacraments, given on enrolment. **Fee \$50 per child per sacrament payable on enrolment. Enquiries: 5367 2069**

Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection - *pinarc*

This is a free social and support group for parents of children or adults who have disabilities. It gives you a chance to chat and connect with other families in similar situations. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. New members warmly welcomed. A flyer with additional information is attached to the newsletter.



Have you ever wanted to learn First Aid? Can **YOU** save a life, if not, why not? Well, now is your chance! Join St. John Djerriwarrh Division today.

As we are in urgent need of new cadets in our division.

Our members have many opportunities to attend duties from football at Darley oval to concerts at Rod Laver Arena and even the Australian open. We also offer our cadets a range of social activities including camps and excursions to the air Ambulance and CFA Brigades.

Training nights are:

- Adult (aged 18+) Tuesdays 7:30-9:00
- Cadets (12-17years) Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm

For further information please call Marg Dart Divisional Manager on 0434-188-354

Email: djerriwarrh@stjohnvic.com.au



The 2016 Ballan Autumn Festival is just over **five weeks away?**

We have put together an activity sheet that we'd love students to complete. It features an alphabetical join the dots, country inspired word search and a design-a-watch cut-out activity that will get the creativity flowing! The activity sheet is attached to the full version of "The Grammar Weekly" We'd love to see some of the finished designs, so please do send through any happy snaps you have permission to share!

What's on at the 2016 Ballan Autumn Festival?

From little kids to big kids, foodies to music lovers, vintage car enthusiasts to sports fanatics – no one misses out!

Among the events for the little kids:

- Toby the T-Rex has escaped and is heading for the country. Live on the main stage!
- A host of activities and games to enjoy in the arts and craft marquee.
- And no festival is complete without the jumping castles, ponies and petting zoo.

For the bigger kids:

- Challenge your friends and family to a match of sumo soccer!
- Test your strength on the Bungee run and see if you can go the distance.
- Lots of sporting activities in our **Family Fun Field** including mini golf, pool table soccer, pin ball bowling, darts, connect four, twister, buzz wire and many more!

For everyone:

- Musical entertainment all day including the ensemble of woodwinds that make up Claritude, songs from Sing Australia Ballarat and a host of local artists.
- Speak with the Moorabool Landcare network, visit their Wild Action Zoo, and see the Doll Houses and modern art exhibition - all on display in the Mechanics Institute.
- Hot Rod and Vintage Car display outside Springfield's garage, along with the famous vintage machinery display.

For more details, please visit our website: www.ballanautumnfestival.org.

Disclaimer: please note the school provides this newsletter space to local community activity based businesses and does not have an affiliation or endorse individual businesses.

BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR SCHOOL Fri 19th Feb JUNIOR SCHOOL HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

Pentland – Lanes 1&2
Braeside – Lanes 5&6

Hilton Lanes 3&4
Bacchus – Lanes 7&8

TIME	NO	EVENT	RECORD	NAME	YEAR
9.45	1	9 Girls Breastroke	57.44	Nava King	2013
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	3	10 Girls Breastroke	51.78	Nava King	2014
	4	10 Girls Breastroke			
	5	11 Girls Breastroke	50:09	Nicole Tunnecliff	2003
	6	11 Girls Breastroke			
	7	12/13 Girls Breastroke	43.91	Zoe Osborn	2007
	8	12/13 Girls Breastroke			
	9	9 Boys Breastroke	53.58	Noah O Donnell	2015
	10	9 Boys Breastroke			
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	12	10 Boys Breastroke			
	13	11 Boys Breastroke	50.86	Lachlan Faust	2009
	14	11 Boys Breastroke			
	15	12/13 Boys Breastroke	42.77	Caleb Noonan	2013
	16	12/13 Boys Breastroke			
10.30	17	9 A Girls Freestyle	45.92	Nava King	2013
	18	9 B Girls Freestyle			
	19	10 A Girls Freestyle	39:11	Grace McGoldrick	2010
	20	10 B Girls Freestyle			
	21	11 A Girls Freestyle	34:53	Aleesha Blackburn	2005
	22	11 B Girls Freestyle			
	23	12/13 A Girls Freestyle	33:22	Byrdie Pengelly	2009
	24	12/13 B Girls Freestyle			
	25	9 A Boys Freestyle	37.20	Noah O Donnell	2015
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	27	10 A Boys Freestyle	43:78	Ethan Jenkins	2012
	28	10 B Boys Freestyle			
	29	11 A Boys Freestyle	37:17	Noal Jewell	2014
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	31	12/13 A Boys Freestyle	34.92	Caleb Noonan	2013
	32	12/13 B Boys Freestyle			
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	34	10 Girls Butterfly	45:01	Zoe Osborn	2005
	35	11 Girls Butterfly	42:42	Zoe Osborn	2006
	36	12/13 Girls Butterfly	38:08	Natasha Crawley	2013
	37	9 Boys Butterfly	41.61	Noah O Donnell	2015
	38	10 Boys Butterfly	59:44	Sean Walker	2005
	39	11 Boys Butterfly	43:70	Marnix Van Den Hende	2013
	40	12/13 Boys Butterfly	39:97	Caleb Noonan	2013
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	43	10 A Girls Backstroke	49.28	Nava King	2014
	44	10 B Girls Backstroke			
	45	11 A Girls Backstroke	44:00	Brydie Pengelly	2008
	46	11 B Girls Backstroke			
	47	12/13 A Girls Backstroke	41:36	Amber Eden Jones	2013
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	49	9 A Boys Backstroke	45.75	Noah O Donnell	2015
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	51	10 A Boys Backstroke	50:69	Noah Jewell	2013
	52	10 B Boys Backstroke			
	53	11 A Boys Backstroke	47:73	Ethan Jenkins	2013
	54	11 B Boys Backstroke			
	55	12/13 A Boys Backstroke	41:80	Ethan Turner	2005
	56	12/13 B Boys Backstroke			
12.30	57	9 Girls Relay	3:49.25	Bacchus	2013
	58	10 Girls Relay	3:25.30	Braeside	2011
	59	11 Girls Relay	3:07.54	Braeside	2003
	60	12/13 Girls Relay	2:44.43	Braeside	2013
	61	9 Boys Relay	3:54.03	Braeside	2013
	62	10 Boys Relay	3:29.73	Bacchus	2012
	63	11 Boys Relay	3:08.68	Bacchus	2013
	64	12/13 Boys Relay	2:52.89	Hilton	2005
	65	Staff race		Staff	2012
1.40		Presentations			



BACCHUS MARSH
GRAMMAR

SHIBUYA HOMESTAY - BMG HOST FAMILY PROFILE

Proposed Date of Visit: 5th – 17th March 2016

##Japanese Student name: _____

Please write clearly.

Surname	Father's name		Mother's name	
Address	Suburb	Post code	State	Phone number (Hm)
			VICTORIA	
Father's Occupation		Mobile/Work number		
Mother's Occupation		Mobile/Work number		
Email address:				
PARENT/S SIGNATURE:				

Children living at home

Name (Host child's name first)	Age	Gender	Year level at BMG	Interests/Hobbies/Job

Other general information.

Is there anyone else living with the family. (please circle) YES/NO If YES please specify. _____

Will the student have his or her own room? (please circle) YES/SHARE

Is there anyone in the family who smokes?(please circle) YES/NO OUTSIDE or INSIDE

Do you have pets? Dogs/cats/birds/fish/rabbits/horses/etc. (please circle relevant pet)

Where are they kept? (please circle) OUTSIDE or INSIDE

Have you hosted before? (please circle) YES/NO

Have you had a recent police check? (please circle) YES/NO

Do you have a working with children check? (please circle) YES/NO Number _____

How do you get to school? (please circle) BUS CAR WALK

If by bus what is the name and/or color? _____

Do you have a preference for a male/female host student? (please circle) MALE FEMALE

Any further information that may be relevant?

##To be filled in by the coordinator. *Thank you for your efforts. Michael Love*

Please return form to Main Office. Thank you.

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- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks



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Step 1 Download *Qkr!*

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Scan QR code provided by your school



Or search for our school name

If within 4kms of the school, you can select from "Locations Nearby"



Now you're ready to order directly from your phone...

Manage your children's details



Purchase school items



Add multiple payment cards



We want your feedback!

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the Qkr! service could be improved to the school office.

Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection



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Join us for morning tea around the fourth Monday of the month during school terms.

10.30am—12.30pm
Darley Neighbourhood House,
33 Jonathan Dr, Darley.



2016 Dates: Monday 22rd February

Monday 21st March
**early due to Easter*

Monday 2nd May
**late due to ANZAC day*

Monday 23rd May

Monday 20th June
**early due to School Holidays*

Monday 25th July

Monday 22nd August

Monday 24th October

Monday 28th November



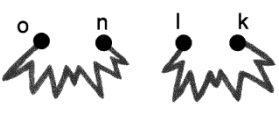
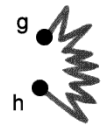
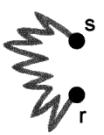
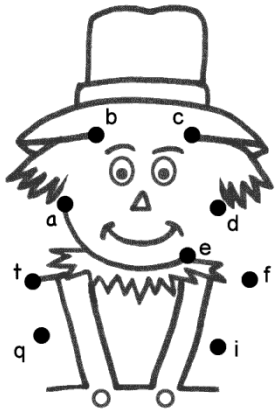
Contact Rebecca Paton, Parent Support Coordinator
5329 1361, rpaton@pinarc.org.au



SUN 20 MARCH

Let's have some Festival Fun!

Activity 1: Connect the Dots



Activity 3: Design-A-Watch

1. Design and colour your watch,
2. Fill in the missing numbers
3. Cut it out and wear it home!

What time is the clock pointing to?



Activity 2: Find-A-Word

Can you find the *hidden words* listed below? They go **across** or **down**. Circle the words as you find them and then *cross them off* the word list.

F	A	R	M	I	N	G	Q	T	R	E	E	F	A	N
E	R	Y	T	A	J	K	X	W	M	H	P	S	N	A
S	T	E	F	B	C	P	E	O	P	L	E	W	I	L
T	S	E	L	E	P	N	M	Y	V	G	T	M	M	L
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V	O	P	A	O	R	E	Y	S	S	T	H	L	L	B
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L	D	J	S	I	G	I	P	V	Q	A	W	P	C	B
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S	A	Q	P	L	D	C	J	E	Y	A	B	S	S	A
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K	L	E	C	H	Y	H	Q	U	Z	V	X	N	L	A
A	U	T	U	M	N	F	M	U	S	I	C	S	E	P

- ANIMALS
- ARTSHOW
- AUTUMN
- BALLAN
- FARMING
- FESTIVAL
- FLOATS
- FOOD
- FUN
- LEAVES
- MUSIC
- PARADE
- PEOPLE
- PETSHOW
- PONY
- RIDES
- SEASONS
- STALLS
- TRACTORS
- TREE