I would like to wish those students who commenced their VCE examinations today all the best for the remaining few weeks.

A great deal of work is being completed around the school in a relatively short timeframe. This is occurring with the minimum of fuss and I would like to thank the vast majority of parents for their understanding and support in relation to the inevitable disruptions caused during a major building program.

There are, however, still some issues in the parent car park. Yes some builder’s sheds have been placed in such a way that causes inconvenience. I apologise for this, but the alternative was to remove significant amounts of play space, something that I would not agree to and a decision that most parents agree with.

This does make the car park slightly less convenient. This does not give users of the car park;

1. The right to be rude to staff or ignore their simple and sensible requests;
2. You park in the middle of an exit lane whilst they wait for their child who is 300 metres away to reach the car;
3. The car park (which is one of the largest I have seen in any school) will work if users show patience. I am certainly not enlarging it during this brief period of building works. I again ask for common sense and courtesy. Failure to do so will see people’s ability to use the car park removed.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal
Exams for Years 8 to 10 will commence on Wednesday 19th November and as with VCE students, they should also be studying, revising and preparing for their end of year exams. There certainly is no excuse for “I have no homework tonight” from any student as examination preparation should be high on all students homework timetable.

Summer Uniform
With the onset of warmer weather some students are starting to mix their school uniforms. It is not permitted to mix the summer uniform with the full school uniform. Students must either wear their full school uniform (winter) or their full summer uniform. The wearing of runners with either the full or summer uniform is not permitted. If alternative footwear is required runners may only be worn with the sports uniform.

It is recommended that students wear their sports hats to protect themselves from the sun during recess and lunch breaks. Students should have a drink bottle for water that they may take to class with them as re-hydration throughout the day assists with good work and study habits. Water fights will not be tolerated and offending students will be dealt with severely. Blazers are not required to be worn if the daily forecast is for a temperature of 30 degrees and above.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal - Head of the Senior School

Mid Term Break
Monday 3rd November 2014
Staff and Student Fee Day

Year 5 and 6 Elective Program 2015
There has been an update to the criteria for this elective:

- Athlete ability level – prerequisites for the program are that the athlete is aspiring to train to perform at an elite level in any sporting field. Students may seek individual recommendation from the athlete's coach or governing sporting body. Students who are performing above the expected standard in community sporting clubs are also eligible to try out for the Junior Elite sport elective. Any student who has a passion for sport and is a good achiever in their chosen area, are encouraged to apply, to enable them to participate in the fitness test criteria, that is used for selection.

- Application from the athlete – this includes information on competition results, targeted goals and sporting history. BMPSSA, or BMG Physical Education results will also be considered.

This elective is designed to cater for higher achieving athletes but is by no means meant to be exclusive. Students, who wish to apply for this elective, will be expected to take part in the fitness testing as described in the original document. Students must be able to achieve certain levels of fitness to cope with the demands of the Junior Elite course. Students will be chosen for this elective based on their performance.

Elizabeth O’Day
Deputy Principal - Head of the Senior School

2015 BOOKLIST & UNIFORM NEWS

Booklists 2015
Booklists have been distributed to all Junior students for 2015 and to students entering Years 7 and 8 in 2015 in the Senior School.

Years 9 to VCE will receive their booklists shortly. Please contact me if you have any queries in relation to the booklist requirements.

Second Hand Uniform & Books
Traditionally a second hand uniform and book swap meet is held in Wilson Hall in December. Due to the update of the logo on the uniforms and also some updates to the 2015 Booklist this will not occur this year.

If you wish to sell suitable second hand uniform or booklist items please email through the details to: school@bmg.vic.edu.au
The information will be placed on the School’s website for interested people to contact you directly. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Michelle Graham
Principal’s Assistant

JUNIOR SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR EXTRAS

The Junior School after school programs are transitioning their names to enable an ease of identification for students, families and staff. The three programs include:

- Active Learning will become The Learning Hub.
- Active After School Sports will become The Sports Hub.
- Clubs Program will remain Clubs Program.

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.
A reminder for all students attending The Learning Hub, The Sports Hub and/or Clubs Program MUST have a spare hat to wear. Students are expected to keep their spare hat in their school bag so it is available to them after school. Students who do not attend with a hat will be excluded from outdoor activities.

Below is information regarding the three programs as set out in the 2015 Junior School Handbook.

**Learning Hub:** 3.05pm-5.30pm Monday - Friday
Bacchus Marsh Grammar operates a program to cater for students from 3.05pm-5.30pm each night Monday to Friday. This program is called The Learning Hub. Students will be given a snack and a drink on arrival. All students attending the program are expected to complete their homework as part of the program, with the exception of nights when students participate in The Sports Hub Program. Please refer to the 2015 Business notice for all associated costs with this program.

**The Sports Hub-3.05pm-4.30pm Monday - Thursday**
The Sports Hub operates four afternoons per week during each school term with the exception of Term One where the program begins week three, Monday 16th February 2015. Students must be collected promptly at 4.30pm. Students not collected at this time will be sent to The Learning Hub program and there will be a cost incurred for this care. The Sports Hub is proposed to operate Monday to Thursday afternoon from 3.05pm – 4.30pm. There are no costs associated with this program.

**CLUBS-3.05pm – 4.00pm**
The purpose of the Clubs Program in the Junior School is to further enhance the physical activity levels of students as well as providing opportunities for junior students to participate in organised and competitive sport as regularly as possible.
This is designed to enhance and promote the development of interpersonal, personal learning, civics and citizenship, social and emotional development of all age groups. Given the growing numbers in the school it is imperative that students are given opportunities such as these where they can choose to participate in organised activities during their lunchtimes and after school times. There are some levies associated with this program. Information regarding this is available from Mrs Peterken as costs per activity vary. Mrs Peterken can be contacted at school on 5366 4800 or Email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au

**The Sports Hub**
- Basketball will operate on Monday
- Adventure Games on Tuesday
- Cricket on Wednesday
- Crossfit (Fitness and games) on Thursday

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**JS SPORTS NEWS**

Congratulations
Congratulations to Will Porter of 5A. Will has been selected to participate in the newly established AFL Golfields Junior Academy Program. The program begins in December leading into the 2015 season with 40-45 players participating who have been selected across the Goldfields region.
Will has also been awarded a “Tim Watson Scholarship” into the Draftstar Program for 2015. This program awards 20 scholarships annually to juniors who have shown athletic ability, game sense, leadership qualities and positive attitudes. Well done.

**JS PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

Disney’s Alice in Wonderland
Ticketing for the Junior Musical – Disney’s Alice in Wonderland Jr. is now available.
An invitation is extended to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community to come along and be entertained by our very talented Year 5 & 6 students.

Tickets will not be available at the door so please pre-order following the link below.

**SHOW Details:**
Performance Dates: Thursday November 6th & Friday November 7th
Venue: Bacchus Marsh Shire Hall, Main St, Bacchus Marsh

Thursday November 6th - Show Start Time: 7pm
Friday November 7th - Show Start Time: 4pm
Ticket Price: $15 Adults $10 Children
Tickets must be ordered using the online booking system. Please log onto: Booking: www.bmg.vic.edu.au
The Musical will be filmed by the school and families will have the opportunity to purchase a DVD. DVD order forms will be available shortly.

Mrs Jenni Coombs  
Junior Musical Coordinator

CAREERS


Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson  
Career Development Practitioners

SS SPORTS

Year 7/8 Milo T20 Blast
On 23rd October 38 students including boys and girls from Years 7 & 8 participated in the Milo T20 Blast representing Bacchus Marsh Grammar. The day was held at Victoria Park, Ballarat with some cracking weather on display. The students enjoyed the energetic and exciting format.

A special mention to the Year 7 Boys team consisting of Ethan Williamson, Adith Siva, Harry Ho, Mitch Waugh, Zachary Wilson, Pawan Dissanayake, Mitchell Havard, Trent Weddings & Asan Liyanaratne who won their division overall and will represent the school at the Western Region Finals scheduled for 19th November at Macpherson Park Melton. If the boys are fortunate enough to win the day they will represent the Western Region and participate in the final against the Eastern Regions best team on the hallowed turf of the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Special thanks to Rebecca Perks who assisted me on the day.

Evan Long  
Senior School PE

BUS

The Public Transport Victoria (PTV) School Bus Operation Division has conducted a review of eligible students travelling on school buses. They have advised that the number of students registered on the network is less than the actual number of students who are travelling.

As a result, PTV has advised us that only eligible students who have registered and completed an Application for Permission to Travel Form travel on the school bus. PTV has noted that in the near future those students who are not registered will not be able to travel on the return route from school.

If you have not completed Application for Permission to Travel Form for your child, please contact Kerryn Browne in the Administration office.

Kerryn Browne  
Bus Coordinator

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.

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)

Late Bus Service

The late bus service is available from Monday to Thursday which departs the school at 4.30pm. Students requiring use of the late bus must put their name on the late bus list in the Main Office by the end of lunch on the required day. The size of the late bus is determined by daily demand. If students fail to put their name on the late bus list they will not be guaranteed a seat.

The cost of the Late Bus is $10.00 per trip and the fee will be charged to your next terms fee account. Please note if students place their name on the late bus list and do not inform the office that they no longer need the service by the end of the day the $10.00 fee will be charged to term fees. A copy of the Late Bus timetable is available from the Main Office.
ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance
From 1st January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools. This funding will replace the current provision of the Education Maintenance Allowance which is directly paid to parents.

Parents will be unable to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The funding will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. At this stage the School has received no indication of what or if any funding it will receive under the new arrangements.

The change to how money is distributed was required by the funding agreement between the Commonwealth Government and State Government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to the School Principal.

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.

PFA NEWS

Due to the fabulous support from the BMG Community towards the Amart Loyalty Program the PFA will be running a Christmas Raffles as their final fundraiser for 2014. Raffle books will be circulated to families of the Junior school from Monday 10th November. Senior students may collect books from the Main Administration Office.

BMG PFA 2014 Christmas Raffle
Tickets $1 each (book of 10)
Tickets to be returned by 5 December 2014 to the BMG Administration Office.
Raffle drawn Monday 8 December 2014

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

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

Please NOTE secondhand items are now advertised on the school website www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community

COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Scouting – Be Prepared . . . . . For New Adventure

The new Williams Scout Group (Werribee) has vacancies for boys and girls in our Joey Scouts (6-7 Year Old), Cub Scouts (7½ to 10 years old) and Scouts (10½ to 14 years old) as well as positions for adults. The positions for adults range from committee members to Leaders of youth. Scouting is a great opportunity for all of its members to learn life skills in a safe, supervised and inclusive environment. Our Leadership team is provided with accredited training and ongoing support to ensure your children get the best out of their endeavour to learn by doing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the largest youth organisation in the world, please email dc.werribeeplains@vicscouts.asn.au or call Sharon Woollam on 0478 221 081.

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.