FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Year 12’s have had their final classes and assembly today. I thank them for their contribution to the school and wish all of them well as they finish examinations and final work requirements over the next month.

There seems to be some confusion about the recent letter I sent to all families about a potential development of a new Junior School at the Woodlea Estate in Rockbank. The potential new Junior School would be an additional Junior School, not a replacement for the current one. Building and demolition work that is occurring at present at the Bacchus Marsh site is directly linked to improving facilities. There will be 18 new classrooms for the commencement of next year plus associated teaching spaces. This doesn’t happen if you are about to close a facility down.

We welcomed members of the extended van den Hende family to the school this week which enabled them to have an opportunity to see where Piers, Marnix and Margaux went to school. The remains of the van den Hende family were repatriated last week and buried in the Bacchus Marsh Cemetery on Tuesday. I attended the ceremony to represent the school. Any member of the School Community who wishes to pay their respects will find the burial site in the Southern corner of the Bacchus Marsh Cemetery. The school is in the process of establishing a perpetual Scholarship in memory of the family.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PHOTOS

Leadership Photos 2014

School Leadership photos are now available to view and/or order. The photos can be viewed on the School website from Thursday 9th October. Pre-Pay Order forms are available on the website or from the Main Administration Office. If you would like to order a photo and/or additional photos please indicate requested photos on the Pre-Pay Order form, from David Torrington Master School Portraits along with payment. Orders will be accepted at school until Friday 31st October. If you have any queries contact Cathy Perconte on 5366 4800.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

End of year Examinations

Examinations for Year 11 students commence on Tuesday 18th November. All Year 11 students should be revising and catching up on any overdue work. Throughout the exam week, all Year 11 students are required to wear their correct summer uniform and attend school for exams only. All students will be receiving their examination timetable in the coming week. At the completion of exam week all Year 11 students will commence the “HeadStart Program.” This is an introductory program for their 2015 subjects. During this time Unit 3 students will transition into their 2015 classes undertaking work for their chosen subjects Year 12. Students are to wear their school uniform for this period of time.

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.

RYPEN Camp
Congratulations to Riley Crossman and Angus Lovell of Year 10 for being selected to represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment camp held last weekend, 18th and 19th October. Riley and Angus reported back that they had a wonderful time and enjoyed the experience of the different activities. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh for offering these positions to the students.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal - Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

On behalf of the Junior School staff and students I would like to congratulate the Year 12 students on the completion of their Secondary School years. I would like to wish them every success with the upcoming examinations.

Junior School Assembly
Monday 27th October 2014, 9.00am in the Gymnasium
The following performances will feature at this assembly:
1. Prep D and Prep E Performance
2. Year 3
3. Year 1 and 2 Choir Performance

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students on achieving their Junior School Colours:
Sasha Bentley
Erin Kelly
Stefan Melton
Kristopher White
Callum Gregorio
Phoebe Pearson
Harley Blake
Edan Dowling
Sarah Holland
Ella Percy

Liam Duffy
Thomas MacKelvie
Jye Richardson
Jessica Cornea
Drew Martin
Lachlan Tschujasehenko
Mitchell Borg
Liam Duffy
Nicholas Pandza
Sam Warren

Uniform
Several students are still wearing runners that are not in line with school colours. Runners must be black, white, blue and gold or any combination of these colours. Shoe laces must be either black or white. Uniform consequences will be applied from Monday for students who do not meet these regulations.

Transition Program Prep Reception 2015 and Prep 2015

The Transition Program Prep Reception 2015 and Prep 2015 starts this week. I would like to welcome all new families to the Junior School.

Prep Reception
Wednesday 22nd October and Wednesday 29th October

Prep 2015
Thursday 23rd October and Thursday 30th October.

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

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
Confimations 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
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 3.05p.m. – 4.30p.m. 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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**Day** | **Dates** | **Activity**
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Monday | Monday 27th October  
Monday 10th November  
Monday 17th November  
Monday 24th November  
Monday 1st December | Basketball

Tuesday | Tuesday 28th October  
Tuesday 11th November  
Tuesday 18th November  
Tuesday 19th November  
Tuesday 2nd December | Adventure Games

Wednesday | Wednesday 29th October  
Wednesday 5th November  
Wednesday 12th November  
Wednesday 21st November  
Wednesday 29th November  
Wednesday 3rd December | Cricket

Thursday | Thursday 23rd October  
Thursday 30th October  
Thursday 6th November  
Thursday 13th November  
Thursday 20th November  
Thursday 27th November  
Thursday 4th December | Crossfit

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**JS PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

**JS 2014 Musical Performance**
**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.

**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 www.bmg.vic.edu.au  
**Students involved in the performance do not require a ticket.**

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

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**SS PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**
Dramatic, chorus and dance rehearsals are already underway for next year’s production of “Beauty and the Beast”. Congratulations to all students who are participating!

There is still coordination to be done for backstage and orchestral involvement so students involved in these areas of the production should stay tuned. Shortly, students will be receiving the information packages regarding the show. This will contain important information regarding rehearsals schedules, student responsibilities and permission notices. Please make sure you read though this information carefully to understand the level of commitment required of the production. Even though we’ve only had a few rehearsals, the level of talent and enthusiasm has been impressive. Keep up the great work!

**Helena Stratakos**  
Learning Area Coordinator: Drama
VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail Evening
On Friday 17th, a number of music students provided various entertaining performances for the VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail Evening. I would like to thank all students and staff who participated and helped to make the event a success.

Marsh Rodders Swap Meet
On Sunday 19th October a group of music students travelled down to Maddingley Park to perform at the Marsh Rodders Swap Meet. It was a huge car show event and a great opportunity for some of our students to perform to the public. The students were well received by patrons and performed two very professional sounding sets of contemporary pop and rock music. Well done to all students involved!

2015 Instrumental Lesson Enrolment/ Cancellation notification.
In preparation for 2015, we are currently requesting Instrumental Music Enrolment / Cancellation Forms to be completed by Friday 31st October. All current instrumental students will be required to complete an enrolment form for 2015. New students or current students who would like to learn an instrument will also need to complete an Instrumental Music Enrolment/Cancellation Form. If you do not wish for your child to continue lessons in 2015 a form must be completed indicating your requirement to cancel lessons. Enrolment forms are available on the School website at the following link http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/teaching_learning/instrumental_music Alternatively forms may be collected from Student Administration now located within the Main Administration Centre.

Please note the following important dates in relation to the Instrumental program for 2015:
Friday 31st October – Final day for instrumental enrolment forms to be submitted.
Friday 21st November – All enrolment confirmation notices posted to families.
Friday 5th December – Due date for 2015 instrumental program cancellation notices to be submitted.

Please be advised that if a place cannot be provided in the 2015 instrumental program for Semester One, applications will be forwarded to a waiting list until such time a position becomes available.

Dean Thomas
Director of Music

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in last Friday evenings Arts celebration in the Terraces Building. The best of VCE Visual and Performing Arts was showcased and enhanced by yummy food presented by Hospitality Students and Staff. The evening was a great success and provided us all with the foundation for future collaborative efforts.

The artwork featured in the gallery will remain on show until Melbourne Cup/Mid Term Break weekend. You are most welcome to come and view our student’s work. Please sign in at the Main Administration Office prior to visiting the BMG Gallery.

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Equestrian
The results from last season are in and we are very excited to have two of our riders place in the top of their Show Jumping classes throughout the series. Congratulations to the following students and their horses on this fabulous achievement.

Carissa Bailey
Overall Champion in Advance
Reserve Champion in Intermediate

Chanel Radburn
Reserve Champion Primary Freshmans

Our team has been working very hard at our recent training clinics and we are looking forward to a busy and fun upcoming season!

Georgia Romaszko
Team Coordinator

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

Year 12 students catching the Late Bus in Term 4
Please note: Year 12 students who catch the Late Bus in Term 4 are required to pay $10.00 per trip to reception upon signing up for the bus.

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.

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.

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**

**VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail Night**
Thank you to the families who attended and supported our raffles on Friday night. The PFA raised $205 for the Vietnam orphanage.

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**

The uniform shop will be conducting fittings for new students in Years Prep and Year 7 2015 from 27th -31st October.

**RUSHFORDS SCHOOLWEAR**

"**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**

**SHINDO KARATE**
Shindo Karate has moved to a new location. The club has relocated to 23 McPherson St, Bacchus Marsh. For more information contact Wayne or Anne-Cherie Noble on 0425 759 164.

**Today’s 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.

**Wild Action Zoo for children**
Sessions at 11 am and 1 pm
Come along and see some of our amazing Aussie animals

**Moorabool Landholder Expo**
“**Healthy Landscapes: Healthy Lifestyle**”
Saturday, 25th October, 10am to 3pm
Mechanics Institute Hall, Ballan
Free entry for children
Gold coin for adults
Stalls, BBQ, Lots of information available

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.