FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Work has now commenced on all three of the building programs around the school. I would like to thank all members of the community for their tolerance whilst building work is occurring. As you can see with the new construction of the Year 5/6 Block, the new buildings will be a wonderful addition to the physical facilities of the school.

I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students on their “dress-up day”. This has become a fixture on the school calendar, enjoyed by Senior and Junior students alike. It is held in such good spirit and is a real indication of the values and sense of community within the school.

The dress-up day was followed by the Year 12 Valedictory Evening Tuesday night. Almost 1,000 people came together to celebrate the end of the year for our Year 12 students. As usual it was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. I can’t speak more highly of our Year 12s and the way they have ended their time at school. They are mature, polite and appreciative of all of those around them who are assisting them. There was nothing of the bad taste that is left by the poor behaviour that occurs in some schools. The mood is shared by parents, many of whom have made a significant commitment to the school over lengthy periods. Such functions are a measure of the health of a school and based on last night we are an extremely healthy school. My personal thanks to Cathy Perconte and Michelle Graham for their assistance in helping to plan and execute the evening.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

15/10/14  2015 Yr 6 Vietnam Trip Information Night
17/10/14  Prep-Year 2 Aths Carnival 9.00am – 12.45pm
17/10/14  VCE Arts Night & PFA Mocktail Night
20-24/10/14  9D, 9E & 9F Duke of Ed Expedition – Otways
22-24/10/14  Year 6 Camp – Anglesea
22/10/14  Year 12 Final Assembly
27/10/14  JS Assembly - Gymnasium 9.00am
29/10/14  VCE Exams Commence
29/10/14  Year 7A, 7B, 7C & 7G Zoo Excursion
29-31/10/14  Year 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill
30/10/14  Year 7D, 7E, & 7F Zoo Excursion
3/11/14  Mid Term Break – No School
4/11/14  Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
5-7/11/14  JS Musical – Alice in Wonderland
10/11/14  JS Assembly - Gymnasium 9.00am
11/11/14  Year 7 2015 Information Night – Gym
12/11/14  Prep 2015 Information Night
12-14/11/14  Year 3 Camp - Mount Evelyn

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.

Please note all Year 6 and Year 12 Graduating students along with Junior School and Senior School Captains and Vice Captains receive a copy of their photos from the School. If you have any queries contact Cathy Perconte on 5366 4800.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

SCHOOL LEADERS 2015

Over the last four to five weeks of Term 3 Mr Cooper, Mrs Slater and Mrs Thornton have been interviewing our current Year 11 students for leadership positions for 2015. This has proven to be a difficult task, having to choose one person over another, when all the students have been able to display very good leadership qualities throughout their years at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Being appointed to a
leadership position is recognition of 1, leadership qualities and 2, participation in school events, throughout their time at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

The process was one of a written application, recommendations from staff, input by all VCE students and an interview. For any student who missed out on a position for 2014, don’t let this stop you from participating in and organising activities or events, as Mr Neal and I regard all year 12 students as school leaders and will reward the efforts of any Year 12 student who makes a contribution to the community at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Congratulations to the following students:

Leadership Positions
School Captain: Andrew Lock
School Captain: Sarah Atze
Vice-Captain: Cody Pratt
Vice-Captain: Sarah Neville
Vice-Captain: Leyla Chapman
Vice-Captain: Marcus Macklin

SCHOOL PREFECTS:
Academic Prefect: Steven Aquilina
Academic Prefect: Josh Zamperoni
Languages Prefect: Rebecca Brown
Languages Prefect: Cheyenne Hardie
Sport Prefect: Tyler Huynh
Sport Prefect: Shanae Kelher
House Prefect: Ranul Ratnayake
House Prefect: Kyle Corcoran
Music Prefect: Francis Quinal
Music Prefect: Rachael Dwyer
Arts Prefect: Chloe Cini
Arts Prefect: Emma Beard
Arts Prefect: Emily Lacey
Arts Prefect: Caitlin Fortune
SRC Prefect: Nick Trento
SRC Prefect: Chiara White
Community Services Prefect: Antonela Marijanovic
Community Services Prefect: Jennifer Nguyen
School Connectedness Prefect: Marcus Rzanovski
School Connectedness Prefect: Lachlan Miles
Sustainability Prefect: Logan McPherson
Sustainability Prefect: Shimron Munshi

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal - Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL –
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Vietnam Study Tour 2015
Information Night TONIGHT.
Wilson Hall commencing at 7.00pm.
Parents of current Year 5 students or parents of students enrolled for Year 6 2015, are welcome to attend. Students may also wish to accompany their parents to this meeting.

Infant Athletics Carnival
All children in Year Prep A to Year Two will be involved in the annual Prep to Year Two Athletics Carnival to be held on the school oval on Friday 17th October. The Carnival will commence at 9:00am and will conclude at approximately 12.45pm.

Students will be required to wear their sports uniform, including their school hat. Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle, and has applied sunscreen before arriving at school. Parents and families are most welcome to join us to support their children for the Athletics Carnival.

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

Congratulations to Ella Vanson 4B, Lachlan Vanson 2A, Emmerson Kitchin 3A, Makenzie Ericson 3C, Rori Ericson 2B, Thomas Bens 3C, Lachlan Bens 1E, Keira Forder 3C, Tijana Forder 1E, Emily Attard 3C, Laura Harper 3A, Lucas Harper 1A, Jordyn Mace 3B, Jackson Mace 1D and Ellie Grainger Grade 4. These students participated in the 2014 Moorabool Relay for Life with their mums to help raise funds and fight cancer. The students together with the members of the Boosom Buddies team raised over $4000.00.

Well done to all involved.
**ACTIVE LEARNING NEWS**

**Term 4 Arrangements**
During Term 4 Active Learning will be conducted in the Junior School Library due to room changes and building works. For the duration of Term 4 parents of Active Learning students are permitted to use Car park 2 (car park with the flag poles next to Wilson Hall) to collect students after 4.00pm only.

We also request that children attending the after school activities and Active Learning bring a hat to use outside. We suggest that they keep a spare hat in their school bags.

Thank you from the Active Learning team.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT NEWS**

A reminder for all families who are involved in the Active After School Sport Program. If your child is not attending their scheduled activity please inform the Program Coordinators. Confirmations of absentees may be phoned through the main school number on 5366 4800 or by SMS on 0428 315 081. Your support would be greatly appreciated and help alleviate time spent following up parents/guardians trying to locate students.

Please also remember in Term 4 students are required to have a spare hat in their bag for sport and outdoor activities to allow students to participate.

**Active After School Sport**
- Basketball will operate on Monday
- Adventure Games on Tuesday
- Cricket on Wednesday
- Crossfit (Fitness and games) on Thursday

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**SCOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS OCTOBER 2014**

**Issue 7 catalogues are out this week!**

Due date for orders is Wednesday 22nd October (due date stamped on the back of the catalogues)

Catalogues available for Year 9 - 12 students from the Senior Library.

**STUDENTS**
‘Win your Summer reading wish list’ competition in this issue! (see order form page)

**PARENTS**
This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping! I am happy to take secret orders – just include your contact details so I can organize a collection time with you. **Please note:** Orders are required to be submitted via your child’s class teacher if paying by cash or prepaid credit card orders may be left at the Administration Office.

**Forthcoming changes to Book Club**
Scholastic is currently implementing changes to the ordering procedure in three stages. Stage 1 is underway...
with a new ordering platform for the Coordinators. Stage 2 will mean parents can place their orders online with the school still receiving 20% commission and Stage 3 when students will receive their age appropriate booklet which will incorporate Extra! so only one catalogue and one order form to worry about. So watch this space for updates when the changes will be happening!

Di Dunn
Book Club Coordinator

JS PERFORMING ARTS
NEWS

Disney
Alice in Wonderland

JS 2014 Musical Performance
Disney’s Alice in Wonderland

Ticketing for the Junior Musical – Disney’s Alice in Wonderland Jr. is now available for students involved in the production. A notice was sent home with all students involved last week. Please advise your child’s class teacher if you did not receive the notice.

Tickets for the wider community will be on sale from Monday 20th October. All tickets are to be purchased via the School website www.bmg.vic.edu.au.

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 as detailed in the notice. The system will be open to families of the students involved in the production exclusively for one week to allow them to have first option for tickets. After this time the ticketing will be opened to the rest of the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community.

Students involved in the performance do not require a ticket.

Mrs Jenni Coombs
Junior Musical Coordinator

JS SPORTS
NEWS

PREP TO YEAR TWO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual Prep to Year Two Athletics Carnival is being held on the oval THIS FRIDAY, from 9:00am – 12:45pm. The children have been working hard in PE lessons over the last few weeks of term three and into this term, to learn and practise many athletic skills such as shot put, high jump, discus, 50m sprint and more. This culminates in a non-competitive, fun-filled morning of activities. Parents and families are most welcome to come along and watch the students in action.

Nick Sher
Junior Physical Education

MUSIC
NEWS

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
VCE ARTS
NEWS

ANNUAL VCE ARTS & PFA MOCkTAIL NIGHT

VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail Night

The VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail night will be held on Friday 17th October at 6:00pm in the Terraces Building. The evening will allow our students from across several areas of curriculum to work together and display their talents and capabilities in their chosen subjects. The event is also supported by the BMG staff and the valued support of the BMG PFA.

Entry to the event is free with complimentary food and drinks. Donations will be collected on the night and fundraising raffles will be held in support of Vietnam-Loc Tho Pagoda Orphanage and Charity School. Donations for the event will be greatly appreciated and may be given to the Main Administration Office attention to the VCE Arts Night Donations.

The food and drinks will be made and prepared by Food Technology and Hospitality students. A Fashion Parade of work from VCE Textile Students will feature at 7pm. Art work from VCD, studio art, media and art students will be presented and on display. Music performances by music students will also be a highlight. Please show your support and come along to see the fantastic work of our students.

Where: BMG ART GALLERY
Located in the Terraces Building
When: Friday 17th Oct @ 6.00pm -9pm
What: Gallery display of Art, Studio Art, VCD & Media. Food Technology students and a fashion parade by the textiles students at 7pm.

Don’t forget to bring your loose change for raffles and door prizes.

CAREERS
NEWS

Careers Newsletter Edition #12 is now available at:
http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/intranet/students/careers

Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

SS SPORTS
NEWS

“From the Gym”

ICCES Summer Cup Success

Congratulations to the Mustangs Summer Cup Teams that competed last Tuesday. The Summer Cup was contested between Bacchus Marsh Grammar and Braemar College. Years 7/8 and Years 9/10. Teams competed in Badminton, Volleyball, Tennis and Cricket. All sports were played in Bacchus Marsh and over 200 athletes from both schools had a fantastic day of summer sport. The Team BMG Mustangs managed to win both games of 25 overs Cricket matches and the Badminton competition. The Year 7 and 8 Girls also managed to be victorious in the Tennis. Congratulations to all involved and we look forward to the expansion of the competition next year.

Champion Boys Badminton Team

T4BMG – Surfcost Century

Congratulations to the T4BMG Team that competed at the Surfcost Century Trail Ultra Marathon. The team made up of Mr. Long, Mr. Castrignano, Mr. Durham and Mr. Perks competed the 100km event in 10hours 17min to place outright 15th Team overall. It was a fantastic day and the team was brilliantly supported and crewed by Mr. Oldaker and Mrs. Perks. Many thanks to the teams sponsors, BLK, Gove Cycles, Specialised and 16Feathers. We look forward to many other staff teams being entered next year.

Karate Success

Congratulations to the following students on outstanding Karate success:

Oceania Championships
Eliza Wales – Gold Individual Kumite, Silver Team Kumite
Ben DeBortoli – Silver Individual Kumite
Joel Hennessy – Silver Individual Kumite
Victorian Karate League – Finals Night. (This is the culmination of the Victorian Karate League in which the top 2 competitors in each division are invited to contest the final.)
Max Noble – Gold
Eliza Wales – Gold
Tanai Newman Coverdale – Silver
Emily Thistlethwaite - Silver

Melbourne Marathon Festival
Congratulations to our BMG staff that competed in the Melbourne marathon festival on the weekend. Miss Emma Burton ran brilliantly to complete her first marathon and finished with a fantastic time of 3hrs 40 min placing her 214th female overall. Mrs. Jane Todd also was a fantastic role model running in the 10km event with her daughter Katie. Congratulations and keep on running.

Singapore Sports Tour 2015
Bacchus Marsh Grammar will once again be conducting their annual Sports Camp in Singapore at the internationally recognised Singapore Sports School in 2015. The camp will introduce and educate athletes to the demands of international travel, sports nutrition, fatigue and recovery techniques and individual specific and group training sessions. The Singapore Sports School is keen for 2015 to invite Netballers to train with their program and as such we encourage our Netballers to take up this fantastic opportunity. We will also once again be offering a specific Dance component to this camp with the Frontier Danceland Singapore. Our students will also have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a unique cultural experience in Singapore, including visiting the night zoo, Universal Studios, China town and the Singapore markets. It is projected that the camp will take place in the mid-year break approximately July 1st - 8th.
Any students who are interested in this fantastic opportunity need to register their name with Mr. Perks and follow the daily bulletin for more information.

Once again congratulations to all on a great week for BMG Mustangs in Sport! In the meantime train hard, get active and stay healthy!

Andrew Perks
Director of Sport

Medication
If your children require medication whilst at school, it must be stored at the Health Centre. Any medications are to be provided in their original box, bottle and or packaging inclusive of an expiry date. In addition a note from the parents is required and must include the following information; Name, Name of Medication, Dosage and Time to be taken.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jo Stanley
School Nurse

BUS NEWS


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.

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
Pmr 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.

Administrative 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
Next PFA Meeting
The next PFA meeting will be on Monday 13 October
2014, at 9.15am in the Principal’s Conference Room, level
1, Administration Building at 9am.

Upcoming PFA Events
VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail Night
The VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail night will be held on
Friday 17th October. Please join us from 6:00pm in the
Terraces Building. The PFA will be hosting door prizes and
raffles on the evening.

Shopping Tour
Unfortunately due to the PFA not meeting our required
minimum numbers we have had to cancel the 2014
shopping tour. We will aim to schedule one in 2015.

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.
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.

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.

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.
Aged and Disability Services
Upcoming Events

Planning for the Future Forum

Are you caring for someone with a disability and are uncertain about the future? Do you need more information about:

- The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?
- Individual Support Packages?
- Disability Support Register

When: Tuesday 14 October 2014
Time: 7.00 – 9.00pm
Where: Quamby Rooms, 10 Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh
Facilitator: Deb Whitecross

Deb has organised and facilitated many events, workshops, expos, community consultations, public launches and forums over the years. Although her expertise lies within the disability sector, Deb brings broader experience in working with government agencies, community groups and provides strong leadership, self empowerment and mentoring skills.

RSVP your attendance to: Veronica or Manda on 5366 7100 or email haccadmin@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Please advise if you require Respite and/or an Interpreter.

Autism Behaviour Management Forum

When: Monday 27 October 2014
Time: 7.00 – 9.00pm
Where: Quamby Rooms, 10 Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh
Facilitator: Bobbi Cook

Bobbi is a Clinical Member of the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) and is a registered member of ARCAP (Australian Register of Counsellors and Psychotherapists) and specializes in managing challenging behaviour in children.

RSVP your attendance to: Veronica or Manda on 5366 7100 or email haccadmin@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Please advise if you require Respite and/or an Interpreter.